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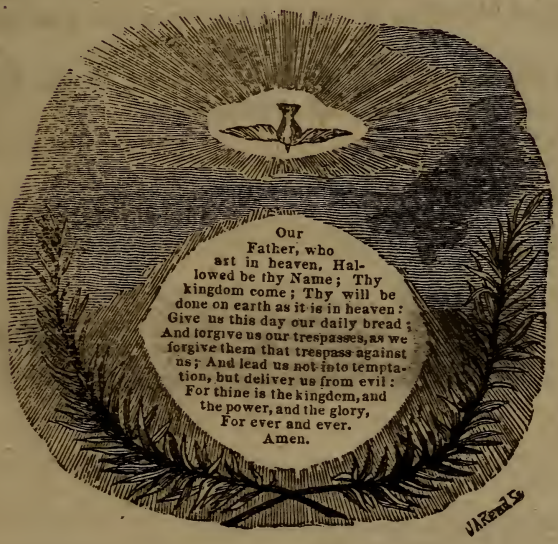

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PREFACE.

This Manual of Devotion for the family and closet, will be found, it is thought, peculiarly suited to the taste and feelings of the pious in our own communion. The principal part of it is taken from our Book of Common Prayer, and the rest, which will appear new to many, is almost entirely drawn from the offices for special occasions in the Liturgy of the Church of England. Two or three of the thanksgivings, from a different source, are written so much in the same style and spirit, as not to alter the cast of the work; and frequently the compiler himself has thrown in such short petitions, or connecting clauses, as were necessary to give a proper fulness to some defective parts, and preserve the harmony of others. Wherever the prayers were complete in themselves, he has generally transferred them as they stand; wherever they were too brief and imperfect, he has combined the substance of two or three, or collected the scattered expressions relating to any particular subject, so as to make one full and comprehensive prayer. But there has been in all cases a studied regard to the general form and character of the Liturgy, the several parts of penitence, supplication, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise being kept distinct. The selections from the Psalms, and from

the other prophetic and poetical parts of Scripture, are appropriate accompaniments to the morning and evening prayers; and these fervent strains will enkindle the spirit of devotion, and render the exercises which follow more affecting and impressive.

This compilation was found more difficult and laborious than might be supposed from the manner in which it is executed; but though it does not fully equal the hopes and wishes of the compiler, yet he thinks that it must be useful and acceptable to all who admire the elegant simplicity, the reverential fervor, the noble elevation of our venerable ritual, and who have been warmed and animated by the evangelical spirit which pervades it.

PREFACE

TO THE THIRD EDITION.

To this Manual of Devotion which, as it was remarked in the preface to the first edition, was taken chiefly from the Liturgy, a second part was added in the next, which was compiled, in a great measure, from the writings of devout and godly men in the Church of England. Both of these have now been carefully revised, and, as it is believed, in some respects improved. A third part, derived in a degree from the same sources, has been added in the present edition, which is altogether new. The selections of Psalms prefixed to the Prayers for each morning and evening, and the versicles and litanies which are to be used responsively, it is thought will serve to fix the attention of the young, and heighten the interest of all in the celebration of Family Worship. The prayers for the sick and afflicted were, for the most part, prepared for particular occasions and emergencies, as they arose in the actual discharge of pastoral duty. It may readily be supposed that in a compilation from such a variety of sources, there must have been no slight degree of difficulty. In reducing to order and harmony what, in several of the works from which it was made, was loosely and immethodically arranged; in collecting together and

moulding into form and unity what was scattered and disjointed; in adapting to modern taste and usage what was precious in substance, though often quaint and obsolete in expression, without materially altering its tone and character; in giving fulness to what was defective, and particularity to what was general; there was a call not only for the exercise of some degree of patience and research, but also for the introduction of a larger portion of original matter, than in the outset of the work was either intended or desired. In no part of it, however, was it found to be a task, but a labour of love; and as it was undertaken with a view to the glory of God, the hope is humbly and devoutly entertained, that it may be attended with His blessing.

PREFACE

TO THE FOURTH EDITION.

The present edition of this manual has been newly arranged and materially enlarged. Most of the additions which have been made to it consist of Ancient Litanies, purified from all taint of superstition and error, and presenting a perfect embodiment of Christian truth expressed in the most fervent strain of devotion. The other parts have been drawn from the writings of the earlier divines of the Church of England, and other rare and curious sources. The quaintness, the redundance, and rhapsody with which they were for the most part disfigured, have been carefully rejected; and the richness, the fulness, the depth of feeling and glow of expression, most scrupulously retained. The apprehension is felt, however, that it will still be too earnest and fervid for the lukewarmness and apathy of the present age.

FAMILY

AND

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FIRST WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

¶ The master or mistress having called the family together, let one of them, or any other whom they shall think proper, begin the worship by reading such a portion of Scripture as may be convenient.

¶ The selections from the Psalms, before the morning and evening prayers, will be used with better effect if recited in alternate verses, the person conducting the devotions reading one verse, and the others audibly responding the next.

THIS is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the sight of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house; even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.

Open me the gates of righteousness, that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require; even that I may dwell

in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands and a pure heart; and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord, and so will I go to thine altar:

That I may show the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee: he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

For with thee is the well of life; and in thy light shall we see light.

This shall be my rest for ever: here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

For the Lord God is a light and defence;

the Lord will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

For this God is our God forever and ever: He shall be our guide unto death.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ All shall answer here, and at the end of every prayer, *Amen.*

Let us pray.

¶ The Lord's Prayer to be audibly repeated by all, both here and wherever else it occurs.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ The versicles here and elsewhere to be used responsively.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us:

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save our Rulers:

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness:
And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people:
And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord:
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us:
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

ALMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, *we** (I) give thee humble thanks, that thou hast vouchsafed to call *us* (me) to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thy Gospel, to receive *us* (me) for thine own *children* (child) by adoption, to incorporate *us* (me) into thy Holy Church, and to make *us heirs* (me an heir) of thy everlasting kingdom. *We* (I) thank thee, that *we* (I) have been brought out of darkness and error, into the clear light of thy truth; that *we* (I) have been redeemed by the precious blood of thy dear Son; that, in ignorance and doubt, *we* (I) have been guided by thy counsel; that, in weakness and temptation, *we* (I) have been succored and defended by thy heavenly grace; and that, in sorrow

* The change in this prayer, from the plural to the singular number, will show in what manner the Prayers which follow may be adapted to private as well as family devotion.

and trouble, *we* (I) have been refreshed and comforted with peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. But chiefly *are we* (am I) bound, on this day, to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. And as *we* (I) do most heartily and devoutly adore thy name for this thine infinite goodness already vouchsafed to *us* (me;) so do *we* (I) most humbly beseech thee to continue thy grace and favor toward *us* (me,) by disposing *us* (me) to make a right use and improvement of all thy mercies, that *we* (I) may not only worthily esteem them in *our hearts* (my heart,) but show forth a due sense of them in *our lives* (my life,) through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Eternal God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands; but who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence wherever two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy name: regard, O Lord, our supplications this day in thy holy Church, and accept our imperfect services. Let thy Spirit be with us in the performance

of all our duties, in confession of sin to affect our hearts with godly sorrow, in prayer to quicken our devotion, in praises to heighten our gratitude and love. Grant that our minds may be entirely raised from the thoughts of this world to the consideration of the next, and that we may join in the worship of thy Church with such steadiness of faith, with such seriousness, affection and devotion of mind, that thou mayest accept our bounden duty and service, and vouchsafe to give whatever in thine infinite wisdom thou shalt see to be most expedient for us. Bless, also, the reading and preaching of thy word, and sow in our hearts the seed of eternal life, that whatsoever in thy holy Scriptures we shall profitably learn, we may indeed fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee. Make, we beseech thee, all bishops and pastors diligently to preach thy holy word, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake,

and the people obediently to follow it, that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

LET my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense; and, let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

When I called upon thee, thou heardest me: and enduedst my soul with much strength.

O continue forth thy loving kindness unto them that know thee, and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

Let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice.

For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous, and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou defend him as with a shield.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

How excellent is thy mercy, O God: and

the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

I will behold thy presence in righteousness; and when I awake up after thy likeness, I shall be satisfied with it.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.
O Lord, save thy servants:
Who put our trust in thee.
Send unto us help from above:
And evermore mightily defend us.
Be merciful unto us, miserable sinners:
And, for the glory of thy name, deliver us.
O Lord, hear our prayer:
And let our cry come unto thee.

O MOST merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent that thou rememberest them no more; behold with pity the sorrows of thy servants, mercifully forgive

us our trespasses, receive and comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. And, though for our evil deeds we do worthily deserve to be punished, yet enter not into judgment with thy servants, O Lord, but turn thine anger from us, and give us peace. Deliver us through thy bountiful goodness, from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed, that being mercifully relieved by the comfort of thy grace, we may henceforward find thy service perfect freedom, and ever set forth thy praise and glory, by walking before thee in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, who hast given us a good will to serve and please thee, grant also unto us strength and power to perform the same, that we may continually mortify our corrupt affections, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more. Replenish us with the truth of thy doctrine, endue us with innocency of life, and dispose us, in all our thoughts, words, and deeds, to seek thy honour and glory, that, accomplishing in us the good work which thou hast begun, we may be found perfect and irreprehensible at the latter day, and come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeign-

edly love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness, grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same. Have mercy upon those who are in darkness and error, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word, and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST glorious Lord, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto thee anything belonging unto us, yet we beseech thee, in thy great goodness, to accept the service which we have this day rendered unto thee, with all humility and readiness of heart, in the place consecrated to the honour of thy great name, and where thou hast been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence. Be not severe, O Lord, to mark what has been amiss in the

performance of our duty, the wandering of our minds, the coldness of our affections, nor the intrusion of worldly thoughts and cares; but look mercifully upon our infirmities, heal our distempered fancies, lift up our hearts and fix them more steadily and devoutly upon things above, that, as we draw nearer and nearer to the grave, we may become purer in thy sight, and at length be found worthy of uniting in the adoration and praises of angels and saints in thy Heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Monday Morning.

PONDER my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.

O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God; for unto thee will I make my prayer.

My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord; early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

Thou, O Lord, art my defender; thou art my worship and the lifter up of my head.

I did call upon the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill.

I laid me down and slept, and rose up again, for the Lord sustained me.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them

O taste, and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Praised be the Lord daily, even the God who helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.

He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation. God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

Because thou hast been my helper; therefore, under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul hangeth upon thee; thy right hand hath upholden me.

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and after that receive me with glory.

Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.
O Lord, show thy mercy upon us:
And grant us thy salvation.
O God, make clean our hearts within us:
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings

being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

And since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives, we offer and present unto thee, ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee to accept this our sincere, though unworthy oblation of ourselves, and to give us grace to bring our holy resolutions to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name. Deliver us from all inordinate and sinful affections, mortify all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that, by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may glorify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the

heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell. And since, according to his most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down to teach the hearts of thy faithful people and to lead them to all truth, grant us, by the same spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort, and finally exalt us unto the place which our Saviour Christ is gone to prepare for us, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace. Grant repentance to them that live in sin, and perseverance to thy saints. In mercy remember them that have lost their health, or their peace, their innocence, or their hopes. Restore them, O Lord, to all good; giving them pardon of their sins, patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. Reclaim the wandering, bind up the broken-hearted, relieve the pains of the sick, support the spirits of the disconsolate, hear the cries of orphans and widows in their calamity, restore all that are oppressed to their rights, and sanctify to them all their wrongs. Look graciously upon those who are drawing near to the time of their dissolution, perfect

and accept their repentance, comfort and support them in their last agony, and after their departure hence in peace and in thy favour, receive their souls into thine everlasting kingdom, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Monday Evening.

THE Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

Put me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger; neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure:

For I will confess my wickedness, and be sorry for my sin.

My confusion is daily before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me.

I have eaten ashes as it were bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.

Show some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed, because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death;

Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed

against him; for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

Away from me, all ye that work vanity, for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my petition: the Lord will receive my prayer.

I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me; yea, I will praise the name of the Lord most highest.

Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord: and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.
O Lord, show thy mercy upon us:
And grant us thy salvation.
Turn thy face from our sins:
And blot out all our iniquities.

O Lord, hear our prayer:
And let our sighing come before thee.

O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee, that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved. Turn thine anger from us who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and are heartily sorry for our faults. It is of thy mercy alone, O gracious Father, that we are not consumed, for our sins have cried to heaven, and justly provoked thy wrath and indignation against us. But thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us after our iniquities. Grant, O Lord, that the consideration of this thy repeated goodness may work in us true repentance, and increase in us more and more a lively faith and love fruitful in all holy obedience; that we, ever trusting in thy mercy, protected by thy power, and crowned with thy continual and gracious favour, may walk before thee in holiness, peace, and joy on earth, and after death obtain everlasting life and joy in the Kingdom of Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Children.

[O Almighty God, who, out of the mouths

of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths; look down from heaven, with the eyes of mercy, upon our dear children, and so strengthen them by thy grace, that by the innocency of their lives and constancy of their faith, even unto death, they may glorify thy holy name. Grant that they may remember thee their Creator in the days of their youth, and believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent into the world to redeem them from sin and eternal death. Make them, we beseech thee, O Lord, modest and humble, sober-minded and devout. Deliver them from all inordinate and sinful affections, mortify and kill all vices in them, and visit them with thy salvation; that while it shall be thy good pleasure to prolong their days here on earth, they may live to thee, by serving thee faithfully and doing good in their generation: and when thou shalt see fit to take them hence, receive them into those heavenly habitations where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this for thy mercies' sake, in the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*]

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the prophets

and apostles, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner stone, grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit, by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple, acceptable in thy sight. Illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive the same, and truly serve thee in holiness and righteousness all their days. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

O Lord our Heavenly Father, by whose almighty power we have been created and preserved, and by whose infinite mercy we have been called to the knowledge of our Saviour, and redeemed from sin and eternal death; for these unspeakable benefits, and the daily bounties of thy Providence, we give thee continual thanks, submitting ourselves wholly to thy will and pleasure, and studying to serve thee in true holiness and righteousness all our days. Unto thy gracious protection, O God, we commit ourselves, and all who are near and dear to us, both this night and ever. Let no

alarming casualty, nor any act of wickedness and violence come near to hurt us. Let no disquieting thoughts disturb our repose. But grant that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. And when we rise, may we be duly sensible of thy merciful Providence toward us, and ever express our thankfulness by a holy trust in thee, and obedience to thy laws, through Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Tuesday Morning.

LET the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

O Lord, my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done.

If I should declare them, and speak of them, they should be more than I am able to express.

O Lord, my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell; thou hast kept my life from them that go down into the pit.

Thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his; and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life; heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

I will always give thanks unto thee for that thou hast done; and I will hope in thy name, for thy saints like it well.

The Lord is my strength and my song; and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise.

Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp: I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people; and I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens, and thy glory above all the earth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage:

Govern them and lift them up forever.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Most blessed and glorious Lord God, who art of infinite goodness, and mercy, we thy unworthy servants, whom thou hast made and preserved, holding our souls in life, and rescuing us from innumerable dangers and troubles, humbly present ourselves before thy Divine Majesty, to offer unto thee the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. We bless thee for protecting us through the past night, and renewing thy mercies to us every morning. We bless thee for keeping us in health, and continuing to us all our comforts and enjoyments. And grant that in the bounties bestowed upon us by thy gracious providence we may not wholly seek our own indulgence; but also use the same to thy glory and the relief of those that are needy, for his sake who went about doing good, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Lord, by whose holy inspiration we think those things that are good, and by whose merciful guiding we perform the same, grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and in-

ordinate love of riches, and to mortify all our evil and corrupt affections, that being neither hindered by our carnal views, nor our sinful passions, from obeying thy godly motions, we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life, grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that being established in the belief of his Gospel, walking diligently in his commandments, and following the steps of his most blessed life, we may finally be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, and be exalted unto a place in those heavenly mansions which he hath gone to prepare for us through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love, keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good Providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name. Defend us this day with thy mighty power, and grant that we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger. Mercifully look upon us with thy fa-

vour, and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that walking before thee in holiness and righteousness, and living with each other in quietness and sobriety, love and peace, in this life, we may, in the world to come, have life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Tuesday Evening.

From the 51st Psalm.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight, that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold I was shapen in wickedness, and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins:

Neither reward us after our iniquities.
O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us:
As we do put our trust in thee.

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who truly repent and unfeignedly believe thy holy Gospel, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and, for the glory of thy name, turn from us all those evils which we most justly have deserved. Grant unto us pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises. And in order that we may more seriously apply our hearts unto wisdom, teach us, O Lord, from the daily spectacles of mortality around us, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is. Grant that neither the splendour of any thing that is great nor the conceit of any thing that is good in us may withdraw our eyes from looking upon ourselves

as sinful dust and ashes; but that we may press forward to the prize of the high calling that is before us, with faith and patience, humility and meekness, mortification and self-denial, charity and constant perseverance to the end; so that when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope, in favour with thee, our God, and in perfect charity with the world; all which we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion, that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace, may evermore be defended by thy mighty power. Give thy blessing to the ministering servants of the sanctuary, and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great name, and the benefit of thy holy Church. Heal the divisions among those who name the name of Christ, and put an end to all heresies and schisms. And grant that all who are in error and un-

belief may be brought home to thy flock, and saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast safely brought us to the close of another day, we give thee humble and hearty thanks for this repeated mercy of thy Providence, and for all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Continue, we beseech thee, thy goodness and loving-kindness to us. And since we are not able of ourselves to help ourselves, defend us, O Lord, this night from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Wednesday Morning.

From the 103d Psalm.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not alway be chiding; neither keepeth he his anger forever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him!

Look how wide also the east is from the west; so far hath he set our sins from us!

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

For he knoweth whereof we are made; he remembereth that we are but dust.

The days of man are but as grass: for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him; and his righteousness upon children's children;

Even upon such as keep his covenant, and think upon his commandments, to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven, and his kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; ye that fulfil his commandments, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts: ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: Praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

Ponder my words, O Lord. Consider my meditation.

O hearken unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God.

Early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee and look up:

And I will praise thy name and be telling of thy salvation from day to day.

O God, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety, we bless thy name that thou hast been pleased to preserve us to another day. Gracious art thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May our hearts be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness towards us in the innumerable blessings of this life, and of thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ; and may we devote the residue of our days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, that we may both perceive and know what we ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same. Fill our memory with the words of thy law,

enlighten our understanding with the illumination of the Holy Ghost, and may all our wishes and desires be entirely conformed to thy blessed will; that so we may walk in the ways of truth and peace, and at last be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting, through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ *Amen.*

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations. We lean only on the hope of thy heavenly grace. We put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy. Favourably then hear the prayers of thy servants, and evermore defend us by thy mighty power, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life, give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life. Mercifully grant that we may imitate

the example of his courage and constancy, his lowliness and humility, his meekness and patience, and great charity, and also be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom, where, with thee, O Father, and thee O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

¶ Or the following Litany may be used.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O God, the Father of heaven;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier and Comforter of the faithful;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers: neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us forever;

Spare us, good Lord.

From all adversities that may happen to the body, and all temptations that may assault and hurt the soul;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From noisome and infectious diseases, and from sudden and unexpected death;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all occasions of sin, from all disordered appetites and passions, from all worldly vanities and delights, from all the deceits of the devil and the flesh, from thy wrath and everlasting damnation;

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please thee to bring all schismatics, heretics and infidels into the way of truth, and unite them in the bond of faith and love, into thy holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee, O Lord, to defend and preserve the Bishop of this Diocese; give him long life and make him blessed on earth, and deliver him not into the will of his enemies; send him help, O Lord, from thy sanctuary, and out of Sion protect him;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us grace to worship thee in spirit and in truth, to keep us

in thy faith, fear and love, to put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore seek thy honour and glory;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to endue our souls with grace, wisdom, and understanding, that we may reverently hear and receive thy holy word, and diligently live after thy commandments;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to be our defender and keeper, and to give us the victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to lift up our minds to heavenly desires, and to strengthen and preserve us in thy holy service to the end of our days;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us (as) at all times* (so now especially) due preparation of mind to be made meet partakers of thy holy sacrament.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to reward with temporal blessings and eternal felicity, all our benefactors and friends;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

* To be used on a Communion Day.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance and full remission of our sins, that we may hate the ways of iniquity and overcome all temptations, that we may enjoy true peace while we remain on earth, and endless felicity in thy heavenly kingdom;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may fervently love thee, and devoutly serve thee in meekness and humility, in kindness and charity, in chastity and purity, in fasting and prayer;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may cheerfully and constantly suffer in all things for Christ's sake, which either through the malice of men or thy wise providence may befall us, knowing that if we suffer with him here, we shall reign with him in glory;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Wednesday Evening.

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my strong hold, my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers; his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope; thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, and upon them that put their trust in his mercy:

To deliver their souls from death, and to feed them in the time of dearth.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help; and whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O Lord, be gracious unto thy servants and give us peace.—

Hear our prayers, and forsake us not in time of trouble.

Remember us, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy people.

O visit us with thy salvation, that we may see the felicity of thy chosen.

O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest

nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins; spare us, therefore, good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed: enter not into judgment with thy servants, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us. Heal, O Lord, the diseases of our souls; mortify all our worldly and carnal desires, and so order our unruly wills and affections, that our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour

and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord God of our salvation, who hast been exceedingly gracious unto this land; continue thy favor and protection to us. Let truth and justice, brotherly kindness and charity, concord and unity, with all other virtues, so flourish among us, that they may be the stability of our times, and make this nation a praise in the earth. And so direct and dispose the hearts of our rulers, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek thy honour and glory, and that we, duly considering whose authority they have, may faithfully serve, honour and obey them in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed word and ordinance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we give thee humble and hearty thanks for all the benefits and blessings both spiritual and temporal which, in the riches of thy great mercy, thou hast bountifully poured down upon us. Let us not live but to praise and magnify thy glorious name. In all that we have received, and in all that we have enjoyed, not our merit, but thy

mercy, not our foresight, but thy providence must alone be acknowledged and praised. Of thine own good pleasure, O Lord, thou hast bestowed on us the gift of life, made us but little lower than the angels, and crowned us with glory and honour. As thou didst create us by thy power, thou hast graciously also preserved us by thy providence. In the weakness of childhood, thy mercy hath lent an ear to our complaints and cries; in the thoughtlessness of youth, thy arm hath directed our heedless steps; in dangers, thy watchful care hath protected us from evil; and in temptations and snares, thy grace hath delivered us from sin and death. For this thine infinite goodness, undeservedly vouchsafed to us, and more especially for thine inestimable love, in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, we do most heartily and devoutly adore thy name. And we most humbly beseech thee to continue thy grace and favour towards us, and so govern our thoughts, words, and deeds, as that they may tend to thy honour and glory, the good of thy Church, and the salvation of our own souls, through Jesus Christ, our Advocate and Redeemer. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Thursday Morning.

I WILL magnify, thee, O God, my King; I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I give thanks unto thee, and praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and marvellous, worthy to be praised; there is no end of his greatness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful: long-suffering, and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving unto every man, and his mercy is over all his works.

All thy works praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints give thanks unto thee.

They show the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power:

That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom, might be known unto men.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

The Lord upholdeth all such as fall, and lifteth up all those that are down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him; yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love him; but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy name for ever and ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O merciful Lord, hear us when we pray for ourselves:

Hear us when we pray for others.

Remember thy Congregation that thou hast possessed from the beginning:

Defend, and govern, and increase it for ever.

Give to thy priests the spirit of knowledge:

The spirit of holiness, and zeal, and wisdom.

Give to thy people the spirit of docility:

The spirit of obedience, devotion, and charity.

Reveal thyself, O Lord, to those who never knew thee:

And bring home those who have gone astray.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who hast created us by thy power, preserved us by thy mercy, and of thine infinite love and goodness towards us hast given to us thine only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; we render unto thee most hearty thanks for these great and inestimable benefits, and for the daily and multiplied instances of thy loving kindness to us. We beseech thee to give us such a lively sense of what thou hast done for us, that we may not grow secure and careless in our obedience, by presuming upon thy great and undeserved goodness, but that it may lead us to unfeigned repentance, and move us to be the more diligent and zealous in all the duties of our religion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our pray-

ers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed. Help us to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure heart and mind to follow thee, the only God. Graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

And seeing that we have passed the night in rest and quietness, grant, O Heavenly Father, that we may devote this day, and every other which thou shalt yet allow us, wholly to thy service, so that all our thoughts, words, and deeds, may redound to the glory of thy great name. Let thy mighty hand and outstretched arm be still our defence, thy mercy and loving kindness in Jesus Christ our salvation, thy grace and Holy Spirit our support and consolation while we remain on earth, and finally bring us to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Thursday Evening.

From the 139th Psalm.

O LORD, thou hast searched me out, and known me; thou knowest my down sitting and mine up rising: thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed; and spiest out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit, or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven thou art there; if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning, and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, peradventure the darkness shall cover me; then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee

but the night is as clear as the day; the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

For my reins are thine; thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God; O how great is the sum of them!

If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand; when I wake up, I am present with thee.

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; prove me, and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me; and lead me in the way everlasting.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father who art in Heaven, etc.

Let Israel hope in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption:

And he shall deliver Israel from all his sins.

Give pardon and peace to thy servants, O Lord, in this world:

And eternal rest in thy heavenly kingdom.

Preserve, we beseech thee, our Rulers, and guide thou their counsels:

And bless all the people of this nation.

Crown us with health, and peace and plenty:

And make us use them with thankfulness, sobriety and charity.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness. Stir up in us such fervent love to thee, as may enable us to redeem the time which we have hitherto mispent, that our praises may be joined with those, which thy saints and holy angels shall eternally sing to the honour of thy mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed,

give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that in all our temptations and trials here upon earth, and in all our sufferings for the testimony of thy truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed, that our heart and mind continually ascending whither our Saviour Christ has gone before, we may finally be exalted in triumph unto the same place, to dwell with him in unspeakable joy for ever and ever. Hear us, for the merits and intercession of thy Son Jesus Christ, who standeth at thy right hand, to succour all those who suffer for thee. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who rulest over all the kingdoms and nations of the world, and disposest of them according to thy good pleasure, most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold and bless thy servant the President of the United States and all others in authority over us. Let thy wisdom be their guide, and let thine arm strengthen them; let justice,

truth, and holiness, let peace, and love, and all those virtues that adorn the christian profession, flourish in their days. Direct all their counsels and endeavours to thy glory, and the welfare of the people whom they govern; and give us grace to obey them cheerfully and willingly for conscience sake, that neither our sinful passions, nor our private interests may disappoint their cares for the public good. Let them always possess the hearts of the people, that they may never be wanting in honor to their persons and dutiful submission to their authority. Grant them in health and prosperity long to live, and crown them with immortality in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Heavenly Father, by whose great mercy we have been kept through another day in health and safety, and blessed with our usual comforts and enjoyments, we praise and magnify thy glorious name. And we humbly pray that the devout sense of this thy repeated mercy may renew and increase in us a spirit of love and thankfulness to thee, its only Author. Continue thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and make thy spiritual blessings more abundant than thy temporal, that we obeying thy will, and alway living in safety under thy protection, may abide in thy love and favour unto

our lives' end, and after death obtain everlasting glory, in the kingdom of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Friday Morning.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handy work.

One day telleth another, and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language; but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands; and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again, and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth and blessest it; thou makest it very plenteous.

Thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the

wilderness; and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep; the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works; in wisdom hast thou made them all.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.
O Lord, save thy servants:
Who put their trust in thee.
O God, save thy people:
And make thy heritage joyful.
Deliver them from all their iniquities:
And help them for the glory of thy name.
Let Satan have no advantage of them:
Nor the wicked approach to hurt them.

Most gracious God, the Author and Giver of all good things, we yield thee unfeigned thanks and praise for thy great and manifold mercies to us. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;

but, above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. In the days of childhood and youth, in the midst of weakness, blindness, and danger, thou hast protected us; amidst afflictions of mind and body, [and estate,] thou hast supported us; and amidst vanity and wickedness, thou hast spared us. Grant us so to acknowledge thy goodness, and so to remember thy gifts, that every day which thou shalt yet allow us, may be employed in the amendment of our lives, and in the diligent discharge of all our duties, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, from whom all good things do come, grant to us, thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same. Give us grace to mortify all worldly and carnal lusts, to cast away the works of darkness, and to walk before thee in pureness of living and truth. And because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation. Stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty to be our defence, against all our enemies, that

by thy great goodness we may be preserved evermore, both in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O BLESSED Jesus, our most gracious Lord and Saviour, who hast so loved the world that thou gavest thyself to redeem it, and humbly tookest upon thee our low nature, that thou mightest suffer in it as man for the sins of men, familiarly teach us the truth of our salvation, and draw us after thee into thine own blessed kingdom by thy holy life, and precious death, and glorious resurrection; grant, we beseech thee, that we may devoutly and thankfully meditate on these thine infinite mercies, and do thou so fill our souls with the memory of this wonderful love, as that we may live in thy obedience, die in thy favour, and rise again to rejoice with thee for ever in thy glory, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

¶ Or the following Litany may be used.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, the only begotten of the Father;

Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son;

Have mercy upon us.

O sacred Trinity, three persons and one God;

Have mercy upon us.

O eternal Son of God, the brightness of thy Father's glory, and the express image of his person, God blessed for ever:

Have mercy upon us.

O Jesus, Redeemer of the world, who to save sinful men madest thyself of no reputation, and didst humble thyself to be born of a virgin;

Have mercy upon us.

O compassionate Saviour, who to deliver us from the wrath to come, wast pleased to manifest thyself in the flesh, and to be all thy life long a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;

Have mercy upon us.

Thou who wast wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities, smitten and afflicted, rejected and despised, and who at last pouredst out thy soul unto death for us upon the cross;

Have mercy upon us.

Thou who hast redeemed us with thy most precious blood, who hast taken away the sins of the world, who hast abolished and overcome death, and destroyed him that had the power of it;

Have mercy upon us.

From insensibility to thine infinite love for us miserable sinners;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the ingratitude of wilfully offending thee;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the misery of being separated from thee in time and eternity;

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thy most bitter sufferings, by thy agony and bloody sweat, by thy cross and passion, and by all the love thou hast shown to the children of men;

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thy glorious resurrection from the dead, and thy triumphant ascension into heaven;

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thy perpetual intercession for us at the right hand of God the Father;

Good Lord, deliver us.

O Jesus, the refuge of sinners, the consolation of the afflicted, the hope of the dying, the joy of the blessed;

Grant us grace to love thee.

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart;

Make our hearts meek and lowly as thine.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who from the inexhaustible fountain of thy love, dost draw the gifts and graces which thou freely dispensest to thy faithful servants, grant that mortifying our pride and self-love, we may become true imitators of thy meekness and humility, and being every day more sensible of thy love in making thyself our companion in thy incarnation, our victim in thy death and passion, and our strength and refreshment in the comfortable sacrament of thy body and blood, we may henceforward return thee, so far as in us lieth, love for love during our present state, and hereafter in thy blessed presence the fulness of affection, for ever and ever, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Friday Evening.

From the 25th Psalm.

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God I have put my trust in thee; O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed; but such as transgress without a cause, shall be put to confusion.

Show me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths.

Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me; for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and thy loving kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth, but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord, therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

Them that are meek shall he guide in judgment; and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and

truth, unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Psalm 23.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father who art in Heaven, etc.

O Father of mercies comfort those that mourn and are oppressed with their afflictions:

Or labor under the burden of a troubled mind.

Relieve the poor who have none to help them:

And defend the cause of the fatherless and widow.

Strengthen those who languish on the bed of sickness:

And those who struggle in the agony of death.

Have mercy upon all the faithful, who go hence in thy grace:

Have mercy upon all the world, convert the unconverted, and bring us all to thy glory.

O Lord, hasten thy kingdom:

And let all the kingdoms of the earth become thy possession.

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably hear the prayers of thy people, that we who do worthily deserve to be punished for our offences, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved. Deal not with us according to our sins, neither reward us according to our iniquities. For thou art a merciful Lord, full of compassion, long suffering, and of great pity.

Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare us then, and let us not be brought to confusion. Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure, but lift up thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries. And grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O blessed Lord, we commend to thy fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted in mind, body or estate. Relieve the distressed, comfort the sorrowful, protect the innocent, and awaken the guilty. Assist those who draw near the time of their dissolution, and so fit and prepare them, we beseech thee, against the hour of death, that after their de-

parture hence, in peace and in thy favour, their souls may be received into thine everlasting kingdom. And we bless thy holy name, for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, and more especially for those who were near and dear to us. We laud and magnify thee for thy great goodness, in having given them a happy deliverance from the sins and sorrows of this miserable world, and we most humbly beseech thee, that we may have grace to follow their good examples in steadfastness of faith and godliness of life, that at the last day, we with them, and they with us, may attain to the resurrection of the Just, and hear the joyful voice of our Lord, saying unto us, Come ye blessed children of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, in whose hands are life and death, by whose will all things were created, and by whose providence they are sustained, we return thee thanks that thou hast given us life, and that thou hast continued it to this time; that thou hast hitherto forborne to snatch us away in the midst of sin and folly, and permitted us still to enjoy the

means of grace, and vouchsafed to call us again to repentance. Grant, O merciful Lord, that thy call may not be vain, and that our life may not be continued to increase our guilt. May we remember, O God, that as days and years pass over us, we approach nearer to the grave; and grant that we may always live in such a state, that we may never be afraid to die, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Saturday Morning.

My soul truly waiteth still upon God; for of him cometh my salvation.

O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

The Lord ordereth a good man's going and maketh his way acceptable to himself.

Though he fall he shall not be cast away; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me; incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.

Show thy marvellous loving kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in thee, from such as resist thy right hand.

Keep me as the apple of an eye; hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

From the ungodly, that trouble me; mine enemies compass me round about, to take away my soul.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Lord hath granted his loving kindness in the day-time, and in the night-season

did I sing of him, and made my prayer unto the God of my life.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup; thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning; my reins also chasten me in the night-season.

I have set God always before me; for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced; my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

Unto thee, O Lord, do we lift up our souls:

In thee is our trust, let us never be confounded.

Send us help from thy sanctuary:

And from thy heavens mighty salvation.
Show us the light of thy countenance:
And let thy peace be upon us.
So shall we praise and magnify thee, O Lord:
And our hearts shall rejoice and sing.

ALMIGHTY God and Heavenly Father, who hast breathed into us the breath of life, protected us in innumerable dangers, and crowned us with mercy and loving kindness; we praise and magnify thy holy name for thine unspeakable goodness to us. But, above all, we give thee most humble and hearty thanks for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, who did humble himself even to the death upon the cross for us miserable sinners, that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. And we beseech thee to give us such a sense of thine inestimable love, as may appear in our lives, by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, that being not, like children, carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth

of thy holy Gospel. Enliven our hope, and fix it steadfastly upon that place where true joys are to be found; and pour into our hearts the most excellent gift of charity, that, loving thee above all things, and our neighbour as ourselves, we may obtain thy promises, which pass man's understanding, and exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who, in times past didst graciously teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort. Give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that we may think those things that are good; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, that we may perform the same; the spirit of thy holy fear, that we may serve thee with reverence, and worship thee in sincerity and truth. O confirm us by thy Spirit, who are weak, bring us back by the same when we go astray, let thy grace prevent our falling by its power, and let thy mercy lift us up when we are down; govern our senses, inspire our thoughts, guard our words, direct all our actions to thy glory, and keep us always safe from both our visible and invisible enemies, for the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our

Lord, who, being ascended into the heavens left us not comfortless, but according to his word sent us the Holy Comforter to abide with us for ever: To whom therefore, with thee, and our adorable Lord and Saviour, be all honour and glory, power, might, and dominion, in all the churches of the Saints, and by all the choirs of the blessed, from this time forth and for evermore. *Amen.*

To our prayers, O Lord, we add our intercessions for all who are near and dear to us; pour out thy benefits both temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, benefactors, and friends; preserve among us peace, tenderness, and love; and make us evermore ready to rejoice in one another's good. [More especially, we pray for thy blessing upon our children; that our sons may be as the young plants and our daughters as the polished corners of the temple, and that with their age and stature they may increase in wisdom and virtue, and in favour with God and man.] Behold with thy mercy every person belonging to this family. Let thy peace rest upon our whole house, and the Son of peace ever dwell in it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Saturday Evening.

Psalm 4.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast set me at liberty, when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour, and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly; when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say, Who will show us any good?

Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my

rest; for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

¶ Or the following.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire; hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness sake.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and thy loving kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: let thy loving kindness and thy truth alway preserve me.

Thou art my Helper and Redeemer; make no long tarrying, O my God.

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me; for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, and covered all their sins.

Thou hast taken away all thy displea-

sure, and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

I will alway give thanks unto the Lord; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnify his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me: yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend our spirits:

For thou hast redeemed us, thou God of truth.

Preserve us, O Lord, as the apple of thine eye:

Under the shadow of thy wings protect us.

Save us, O Lord, waking, defend us sleeping:

That we may watch with Christ and rest in peace.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, as we do put our trust in thee.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions, and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet through thy bountiful goodness loose and deliver us. Turn thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Grant us true repentance; forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy word, that truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, we may come at last to thy eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who didst appoint the sacred rest of the Sabbath as a sign between thee and us, of thy mercy in the creation of the world, and afterwards didst translate it to the first day of the week, as a memorial of the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; prepare our hearts so to use these days of rest and of pub-

lic worship, that our prayers and praises may be acceptable in thy sight. Give us grace to serve thee with reverence and godly fear; affect us with an awful apprehension of thy Divine Majesty, and a deep sense of our unworthiness, that so approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before thee with clean thoughts and pure hearts, with bodies undefiled, and minds sanctified, we may at length be found worthy of a part in thy eternal rest, and in the continual hymns of angels and blessed spirits, in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Most merciful Father, we beseech thee to send upon the ministering servants of the sanctuary thy heavenly blessing; that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that thy word spoken by their mouths may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of thy most holy word, or agreeably to the same, as the means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who

hast purchased to thyself an universal Church, by the precious blood of thy dear Son, let not heresies and false doctrines disturb its peace, nor schisms and causeless divisions weaken it. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord, that as there is but one body, and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father of us all; so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, by whose will we were created, and by whose providence we are sustained, by whose mercy we have been called to the knowledge of our Redeemer, and by whose grace whatever good we have thought or done has been inspired and directed; grant that we may review our past lives with a spirit of thankfulness and submission, that in affliction we may remember how often we have been succoured, and in prosperity may know and confess from whose hand the blessing is received. Enable us to improve the time which thou shalt yet allow us, that we may daily become purer in thy sight, and, as we

draw nearer and nearer to the grave, strengthen our faith, enliven our hope, increase our charity, and perfect our repentance, and so help us by thy Holy Spirit, that when it shall be thy pleasure to call us hence, we may be received to everlasting happiness, for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

SECOND WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

Psalm 122.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of Judgment, even the seat of the House of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.
The Lord is in his holy temple:
Let all the earth keep silence before Him.
Let the priests of the Lord enter into his presence with lowliness and adoration:
And the people serve him with reverence and godly fear.

GLORY be to thee, O Lord, who didst on this day create the light, and command it to shine upon the face of the deep. But all honor and praise be unto thee for that more glorious light which shines in upon our minds, from the examples of patriarchs and the revelations of prophets; and for the tender mercy, through which the day-spring from on high hath visited us.

Just, righteous, and fitting it is, to praise and to glorify, to worship and adore, to thank and to magnify Thee, the Maker of all creatures visible and invisible, the Author and Giver of all good, the fountain of life and immortality, the Lord and Governor of the universe.

The heavens, and the heaven of heavens, and every power therein, the earth and the sea, the heights above and the depths below, declare thy glory and show forth thy praise. Jerusalem that is from above, the Church of the first-

born written in the heavens, the spirits of the prophets and of just men made perfect, the souls of the apostles and all holy martyrs, angels and archangels, thrones and dominions, principalities and powers, cherubim and seraphim, with never-ceasing hymns and perpetual anthems laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord, Most High. *Amen.*

We praise thee, O God, for the gracious privilege of being admitted into thy courts, to present our persons before thee, and to make known our requests; to bless thee for thy goodness and loving-kindness to us; to hear thy holy word read and preached for the improvement of our minds and the purification of our hearts. Grant that we may offer up our prayers with fervour, and our thanksgivings with joy, and listen to thy word with edification and comfort. Suffer not the remembrance of our troubles or pleasures to distract our minds, nor dulness and weariness to seize upon our spirits; but fix our thoughts, our hopes and desires entirely upon heaven and heavenly things. Confirm us in our holy purposes of amendment, and enable us to bring them to good effect;

that, living in thy faith and fear, we may die in thy favour, and pass from the sins and sorrows of this present state, to the blissful inheritance of the saints in light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O thou Searcher of hearts, be gracious to all them, who, through just and necessary hindrances, do not pay thee the public homage and service of this day. Soften and convert the hardened and impenitent who deride thy holy religion, and wilfully forbear and refuse to pray. Give them a sorrowful sense of this evil heart of unbelief, and preserve others from the infection of their pestilent examples. Enlighten the minds of the ignorant; awaken the consciences of those who hold the truth in unrighteousness, and increase the graces of all such as love and fear thee. Let thy word, this day to be preached, console the afflicted, and support the feeble; let it pierce the wicked with awe, and the careless with apprehension; and be with us all, O Heavenly Father, by thy power to protect us; by thy mercy to save us; by thy truth to instruct and comfort us; by thy grace to renew and quicken us, for ever and ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Sunday Evening.

Psalm 24.

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands and a pure heart; and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him; even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye

lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O God the Father, Creator of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful;

Have mercy upon us.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts;

Have mercy upon us.

Deliver us, O Lord, from all our iniquities:

And help us for the glory of thy name.

Vouchsafe us pardon and peace in this world:

And everlasting rest in thy heavenly kingdom.

Most great and glorious Lord God, we humble ourselves before thy divine majesty,

under a deep sense of our unworthiness, and confess, with sorrow and shame, our manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and justly provoked thy wrath and indignation against us. O Lord, take away all thy displeasure, and let thine anger cease from us. Remember not, we beseech thee, the negligences and offences of the past day. Pardon the wanderings and disorders of our minds; the dulness and heaviness of our spirits; the coldness of our affections, and all the blemishes and imperfections in our praises and prayers. Enable us, we beseech thee, as life is prolonged, day by day to correct our errors and amend our ways, and conform us more and more to the likeness of thy dear Son; that we may at length worship Thee in spirit and in truth, that we may love Thee with a filial and devoted affection, and serve Thee with a pure and quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Perfect, O God, the good work which thou hast begun in us. Send down thy Holy Spirit upon us, through the appointed means of grace in thy Church, that we may be excited to fervour and constancy in our devotions, and to a faithful discharge of all the duties of our respective stations. And, as we have been

taught, exhorted, and encouraged out of thy holy word, so help us continually to grow in grace, and to lead a more holy and blameless life. Guide us by thy counsel, and defend us by thy power, that we may reach in safety the end of our pilgrimage, and enter upon that heavenly sabbath, that blessed rest prepared for thy children, to sing eternal hymns and praises to the glory of thy name; who with the Son and Holy Ghost, ever livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord, on whom the eyes of all do wait, remember every creature of thine for good, and visit the whole world with thy mercy.

Establish and strengthen in thy truth such as do stand; comfort the feeble-minded, and raise up those who fall. Gather together thy dispersed sheep, and bring back all that have strayed from thy fold.

O thou Helper of the helpless, our seasonable refuge in the time of trouble, grant health to the sick, and comfort to the sorrowful; and extend thy mercy to all under neglect, contempt, and want, that so there may be no creature who doth not feel thy tenderness and compassion.

Be gracious, O Lord, to our friends, and merciful to our enemies. Diffuse into all hearts

humanity and mutual charity, and make us all meet to be partakers of the inheritance of thy saints in light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God and most Merciful Father, who day after day dost minister to sinful man infinite occasions of praising thee, receive our humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us. We bless thee for our birth in a Christian land, and for our adoption into that Holy Church, where thy true religion is purely taught, and thy sacraments rightly and duly administered. We bless thee for having given us an early knowledge of thee our Creator; for having redeemed us by thy Son, and sanctified us by thy Spirit. Thou hast been our refuge in tribulation, and our defence in all adversities, delivering us from dangers, infamy, and troubles. When we went astray, thou didst reclaim us from our wanderings. When we offended thee, thou didst gently correct us, and patiently wait for our repentance. And when for the grievousness of our sins, we were ready to despair, thou didst lift up thy countenance upon us and give us peace.

And now that it hath pleased thee to add another day to our lives, sanctified by the wor-

ship of thy courts, and blessed with the comforts of health and peace, accept, O God, of our unfeigned praises, and crown thy mercies by making us every day more thankful for them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Monday Morning.

THE Lord is good and worthy to be praised, there is no end of his greatness.

He appointeth the moon for certain seasons, and the sun knoweth his going down.

Thou makest darkness, that it may be night, wherein all the beasts of the forest do move.

The lions, roaring after their prey, do seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, and they get them away together, and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour, until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works; in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea also; wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan, whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

These wait all upon thee, that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

When thou givest it them, they gather it;

and when thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good.

When thou hidest thy face they are troubled: when thou takest away their breath they die and are turned again to their dust.

When thou lettest thy breath go forth, they shall be made; and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever; the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins:

Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

Be gracious unto thy servants, O Lord:

And, for the glory of thy name, deliver us.

Vouchsafe to us the light of thy countenance:

And quicken us with the joy of thy salvation.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who yet supportest us in our weakness, and sparest us in our sins, and hast now granted to us to begin another day, enable us to improve the time which is yet before us, to thy glory and our own salvation. Thou who knowest our frailties and infirmities, strengthen and support us; that, after all our lapses, we may now continue steadfast in obedience; that, after our remiss and imperfect services, we may at last work out our salvation, with diligence and constancy. In thy hand, O Lord, are the wills and affections of men; kindle in our minds holy desires, and repress sinful and corrupt imaginations. Enlighten us with true knowledge; animate us with reasonable hope; comfort us with a just sense of thy love, and assist us to the performance of all holy purposes; that, living according to thy laws, and dying with humble confidence in thy mercy, we may pass from the sins and errors, the trials and miseries of this world, to the peace and happiness of thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, upon whom the eyes of all do wait, and who fillest all things living with plenteousness, give us grace humbly to rely on thy providence for the supply of our wants, and to be contented with that measure of temporal blessings which thou art pleased to allot us. Vouchsafe us such a just esteem of all earthly advantages and enjoyments, that our wishes for them may not be inordinate, nor our labours and cares vexatious and distracting. Grant that we may use them with temperance, sobriety, and charity, and ever be ready with a free heart and open hand to minister of our abundance to the relief of the needy, the comfort of the sick, and the spiritual wants of our fellow men. Inspire us with such a devout temper of mind, that we may look with a holy indifference upon this vain world, and put nothing in comparison with our hopes of glory. Let no sinful amusement abuse our understanding; no losses fill us with impatience; no disappointment of hope, nor pressure of calamity, weaken our confidence in thy fatherly care. Protect us by thy power in all our temptations, refresh us with thy comforts in all our sorrows, and enable us to bear the visitations of thy providence with patience, and the infirmities of our neighbour with charity. Be thou, O Lord, our guide and our guard,

that during our pilgrimage here upon earth, we may have our conversation in heaven; and being in all things resigned to thy blessed will, may enjoy thy peace here, and be received to thy mercy hereafter, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Monday Evening.

Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves of a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings.

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thy hand to do it.

He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

He that hath pity upon the poor, lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

And if thou draw out thy soul to the

hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon-day;

And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.
O Lord, save thy servants:
Who put our trust in thee.
Send us help from thy holy place:
And evermore mightily defend us.
Let the enemy have no advantage of us:
Nor the wicked approach to hurt us.
Be unto us, O Lord, a strong tower:
From the face of our enemy.
O Lord hear our prayer:
And let our cry come unto thee.

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look down with mercy upon us, depraved with vain ima-

ginations and entangled in the snares of sin. The sense of our corruption and weakness is grievous unto us. The remembrance of our misdoings is intolerable. But thou, O Lord, art full of compassion, long-suffering, and pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Turn then thine anger from us and give us peace: and enable us by thy grace to redeem the time which we have spent in sloth, vanity, and wickedness; to make use of thy gifts to the honour of thy name; and to lead a new life in thy faith, fear, and love. Release us, O Lord, from the bands of those sins which, by our frailty, we have committed. Strengthen us in our struggles with temptation. Fill us with just hopes, true faith, and holy consolations; and enable us to do our duty in the state of life to which thou hast been pleased to call us, without disturbance from anxious cares or evil imaginations, that in all our thoughts, words, and actions, we may glorify thy holy name; and finally, obtain everlasting joy and felicity through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the Creator and Preserver of mankind, hear the prayers of all that call upon thee; open the eyes of them that never pray for themselves; pity the sighs of such as are

in misery; deal mercifully with them that are in darkness; and increase the graces of such as fear and serve thee. Preserve the Church from all errors, this land from the misfortunes of war, and this people from forgetting thee their Lord and Benefactor. Be gracious to all those countries that are made desolate by the sword, famine, pestilence, or persecution. Bless all persons and places to which thy providence has made us debtors; all who have been instrumental to our good by their assistance, advice, or example; and make us in our turn useful to others. Let none of those who desire our prayers want thy mercy, but defend and conduct them through this dangerous world to their lives' end; for the sake of our Advocate and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

And since it hath pleased thee, O Lord, to add another day to the years of our life; to keep us from scandalous sins and the danger of a wicked world; to turn us from all those evils which we most justly have deserved; since thou hast given us occasions of doing good and grace to make use of them, supplied us with the comforts of this life, and the means of obtaining a better—Accept, O God, of our unfeigned praises, and add this to all thy favours, that we may never forget to be thank-

ful for them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

INTO thy hands, O God, we commend our souls and bodies, which thou hast redeemed with the most precious blood of thy dear Son. So bless and sanctify our sleep to us that it may be temperate, holy, and safe; a refreshment to our wearied bodies, and an interval of repose to our anxious minds. O let us never sleep in sin or death eternal; but give us a watchful and prudent spirit, that we may omit no opportunity of serving thee. And grant that when the work of our life is done, we may rest in the bosom of paradise, till at the last we are admitted to the full enjoyment of thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Tuesday Morning.

Psalm 146.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man; for there is no help in them.

For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall turn again to his earth, and then all his thoughts perish.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help; and whose hope is in the Lord his God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is; who keepeth his promise for ever;

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong; who feedeth the hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of prison; the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

The Lord helpeth them that are fallen; the Lord careth for the righteous.

The Lord careth for the stranger; he defendeth the fatherless and widow; as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore, and throughout all generations.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

Hear us, O merciful Lord, when we pray for ourselves:

Hear us when we pray for others.

Bless us with health, and peace, and plenty:

And make us use them with thankfulness, temperance, and charity.

Reward, O Lord, our kindred, friends, and benefactors:

And forgive our enemies and all that hate us.

Almighty God, our Creator and Preserver, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of another day, make us truly thankful for all the mercies, both temporal and spiritual, which thou hast vouchsafed to show us through the whole course of our lives. Grant us with increase of days, increase of holiness; strengthen our resolutions of a better life, and impress upon us such a sense of thy power and goodness that we may place in thee our only feli-

city; so that living in thy love and fear, we may die in thy favour, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord our Heavenly Father, without whom all purposes are ineffectual and all efforts vain, grant us the assistance of thy Holy Spirit, that we may attend to the duties of our present state with humble confidence in thy protection; and so govern our thoughts and actions, that neither business may withdraw our minds from thee, nor idleness lay us open to vain imaginations; that neither praise may fill us with pride, nor censure with discontent; but that in all the changes of this life we may fix our hearts upon the reward which thou hast promised to them that serve thee; and that whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever are pure and lovely, whatever are of good report, wherein there is virtue and wherein there is praise, we may think upon and do, and obtain mercy and everlasting happiness, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Children.

[O Almighty God, who hast given the promise of thy Spirit to us and to our children,

vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, both to them and ourselves the abundance of thy grace, that those with whom thou hast connected us by the dearest ties of nature, may also be united to us in the closest bonds of faith and hope. Grant that being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, they may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit. Keep them in simplicity, purity, and innocence. Guard them against the craft and subtlety of the devil, the influence of evil example, and the deceitfulness and corruption of their own hearts; [and so rule and govern their conduct in early life, as to prevent the follies of their childhood from growing up to sins in their youth, and the sins of their youth from being confirmed into habits in manhood;] and so deliver them in their weakness, their ignorance, and temptations, and guide them in the way of thy commandments, that they may continue thine for ever. Bless, O Lord, our sons with healthful bodies and sound minds, with sweet dispositions and even tempers, with mortified passions and devout affections, with sanctified spirits and blameless lives; that they may pass the time of their sojourning here in thy faith and fear, and die in thy peace and favour. Bless our daughters with an humble and modest carriage, with a meek and quiet spirit, with soberness of

mind and purity of heart, with watchfulness in thought, and prudence, discretion, and charity in word and deed. Give them thy perpetual grace and favour, that living in chastity and honour, free from temptation and sin, from shame and reproach, they may have the portion of the meek and humble in this world, and of the pure and merciful in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*]

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Tuesday Evening.

THUS saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.

O my God, I am ashamed, and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is gone up unto the heavens.

Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay my hand upon my mouth.

We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day.

Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous, yea, our God is merciful.

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

Our help is in the name of the Lord:

In whom do live the spirits of all flesh.

Our help is surely in the name of our God:

Who made not death, neither hath any pleasure in the destruction of a sinner.

Be gracious, O Lord, be gracious to all that are weary and heavy laden:

Nor let any of them be brought to confusion.

Receive and comfort them that are penitent:

And to all thy faithful give life eternal.

Almighty and most merciful Father, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, look down with mercy upon us, and grant that we may return

from our wickedness and live. Let not our years be multiplied to increase our guilt, but as we live longer, let us become more pure in our thoughts and desires, and more obedient to thy holy laws. O suffer not the cares of the world to distract us, nor its sinful pleasures to corrupt us, nor its temptations and evils to overwhelm and discourage us; but continue and increase thy loving kindness to us, and grant that among the hopes and fears, the pleasures and sorrows, the dangers and deliverances, and all the changes of this life, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; so that when at last we shall be called to judgment, we may be received as good and faithful servants into thy eternal and glorious kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

O God of our salvation, who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, remember every creature of thine for good, and visit the whole world with thy mercy.

Grant us temperate and healthful weather, kindly and fruitful seasons, quiet and comfortable times, and bless the whole circle of the year with thy goodness.

O thou who art the friend of the friendless, the helper of the needy and the hope of the

disconsolate, remember all that lie under any kind of extremity, and that call upon thee for succour and protection. Hear the cries of the oppressed, relieve the wants of the poor, sustain the afflicted and dejected, sanctifying all by their sorrows, and giving an happy issue to their respective sufferings; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GRACIOUS and merciful God, we render unto thee most humble and hearty thanks for having given us our being and reason, and nourished and preserved us by thy bountiful providence. We bless thee for the advantages of our education; for our civil privileges, our social enjoyments, and all our gifts of grace, of nature, and of fortune. We bless thee for the favours of kind benefactors, the love of dear friends, and the comfort of peaceable neighbours; for every undertaking in which thou hast prospered us; for every good action which thou hast enabled us to do; for all the enjoyments of this present life, and for all thy promises, and all our hopes of a better life to come, through the merits of the death and passion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O EVERLASTING GOD, who hast ordained and constituted the services of angels and men

in a wonderful order; mercifully grant, that as thy holy angels always do Thee service in heaven; so by thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth. And since, in thy mysterious providence, thou hast made them ministering spirits to the heirs of salvation, and caused them to encamp around the dwellings of the just; behold with pity the temptations and dangers to which the frailty of our nature is perpetually exposed, and give thy holy angels charge over us to bear us in their hands, and cover us under the shadow of their wings. Let them visit, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far away all the snares of the enemy. Let them dwell therein to preserve us in peace, and let thy blessing be upon us for ever, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Wednesday Morning.

THE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof; yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his seat.

There shall go a fire before him, and burn up his enemies on every side.

The earth trembled and quaked, the very foundations also of the hills shook, and were removed, because he was wroth.

There went a smoke out in his presence, and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it.

He bowed the heavens also, and came down, and it was dark under his feet.

He rode upon the Cherubim, and did fly; he came flying upon the wings of the wind.

He made darkness his secret place, his pavilion round about him with dark water, and thick clouds to cover him.

At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed; hail-stones and coals of fire.

The Lord also thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder; hail-stones and coals of fire.

He sent out his arrows, and scattered them; he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them.

The springs of waters were sent, and the foundations of the round world were discovered at thy chiding, O Lord, at the blasting of the breath of thy displeasure.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil; the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hands of the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous, and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous, and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O God, the Father of Heaven, maker of all things;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful;

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, three persons and one God;

Have mercy upon us.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God, omnipotent, who art, who wast, and who art to come;

Have mercy upon us.

O God of gods, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain;

Have mercy upon us.

Everlasting King, Immortal, Invisible, who dwellest in that light unto which no man can approach, great in counsel and mighty in work, and of whose wisdom there is no end;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord, who only doest great things and unsearchable, marvellous things without number, who workest according to the counsel of thy own will, who madest this world for the use of man and man for thyself;

Have mercy upon us.

One God and Father of us all, who art above all, and through all, and in us all, by whom are all things, and in whom we live, and move, and have our being;

Have mercy upon us.

O Thou who hast disposed all things in number, weight, and measure, who createdst

the earth by thy power, and the universe by thy wisdom;

Have mercy upon us.

Thou who formest the light and createst darkness, who makest peace and createst evil for the punishment of transgressors, in whose hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all flesh;

Have mercy upon us.

Thou who searchest the heart and triest the reins, who quickenest the dead and callest those things that were not, as if they were;

Have mercy upon us.

O God, on whom the eyes of all do wait and who givest them their meat in due season, who openest thy hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness;

Have mercy upon us.

Thou who executest judgment for the oppressed, who healest the broken in heart and bindest up their wounds, O God of the fatherless and judge of the widows, who loosest the prisoners and openest the eyes of the blind;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord God, who killest and makest alive, who sendest to the grave and bringest back again, who increasest the nations and destroyest them;

Have mercy upon us.

O God, who hatest iniquity and with whom is no acceptance of persons, terrible in thy counsels concerning the sons of men, the strong and jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children;

Have mercy upon us.

O God, whose anger none can withstand, but whose mercy is above all thy works and even triumphs in the midst of judgment itself, O God most gracious, showing mercy even to a thousand generations for thy covenant's sake;

Have mercy upon us.

Thou who liftest up the meek and humblest the wicked even to the ground, who hast power to cast body and soul into hell, who takest the wily in their own craftiness and scatterest the counsel of the wicked;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord, compassionate, long-suffering, and gracious, our Protector and exceeding great reward;

Have mercy upon us.

O Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, who only canst comfort us in our tribulations and trials, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Fountain of being both in heaven and in earth;

Have mercy upon us.

O God, who by the death of thy Son hast

redeemed, and by the grace of thy Spirit dost sanctify us and all thy faithful people;

Have mercy upon us.

Hear us, O Father, in the name of thy Son;

Graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Wednesday Evening.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him:

Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;

He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

For Christ hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.

Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels, and authorities, and powers being made subject unto him.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our enemies:

For we flee unto thee to hide us.

Order our steps in thy work:

And so shall no iniquity have dominion over us.

Suffer not our days to be consumed in vanity:

Nor our years in trouble.

But bless us with thy peace and favour here:

And crown us with everlasting glory in the world to come.

O Lord God, merciful, long suffering, and of great pity; we come before thee to acknowledge and confess our manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws. We have frequently and grievously sinned against thee.

But though we have justly provoked thy wrath and indignation against us, yet deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us according to our iniquities. For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon our iniquity, for it is great. For that name's sake, besides which none other under heaven is given unto men, whereby we must be saved, and for the sake of that Spirit also, who helpeth our infirmities, and maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered, hear us, O Lord, and have mercy upon us. Despise not the work of thine own hands, but look upon the face of thine anointed and upon the blood of thy covenant, and through the propitiation set forth by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sins of the whole world, be merciful to us miserable sinners. *Amen.*

O BLESSED and glorious Saviour, who by thy death hast overcome death, and by thy passion hast taken out its sting, and made the grave the gate of everlasting life, have mercy upon us now, and at the hour of death. Let thy grace accompany us all the days of our life, that by a holy conversation, and the diligent discharge of our duty, we may wait for thy coming, O Lord, and be ready to enter in with thee, at whatever hour thou shalt come. Suffer us not to be surprised in any act of sin,

nor called upon when our lamps are untrimmed. Let our death be neither violent nor untimely, hasty nor unblessed, but after the common visitation of men; having in it perfect resignation and exemplary piety, and nothing extraordinary but the manifestation of thy mercy and grace. Preserve our faith and our hope, our reason and our speech to the last. Then, O Lord, shine gloriously upon us. Let the light of thy countenance cheer and support us in all our agonies, weaknesses, and temptations. Give us the opportunity of a prudent and spiritual guide, and of receiving the holy sacrament; and so conduct us in the ways of peace and safety, that with the testimony of a good conscience, and the sense of thy favour, we may depart this life in the unity of the Church, in the love of God, and a certain hope of salvation, through thee, O blessed Jesus, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

O Father of mercies, who hast compassion on all men, and relievest those who call on thee for help, speak peace to those who are troubled in conscience, comfort the afflicted, strengthen the weak, confirm the strong, enlighten the ignorant, deliver the oppressed from him that spoileth him, and relieve the needy that hath no helper; and bring us all in the

ways of righteousness and by the waters of comfort to the kingdom of rest and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To our prayers, O God, we add our unfeigned thanks for all thy mercies. Praised be thy holy name that thou hast kept us from the arrow that flieth by day and the sickness that destroyeth at noon; that thou hast given us thy Spirit to restrain us from the evils to which we are exposed by our own weakness and corruption, and by the crafts and assaults of the devil. Praised be thy name for that never-ceasing shower of blessings by which this life is refreshed and comforted, and for the helps and promises by which we are enabled to prepare for a better. Grant that we may show forth our thankfulness, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Thursday Morning.

I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour, and his righteousness endureth for ever.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap; and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

For he spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.

The day is thine, and the night is thine; thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation; thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea, and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, and the God of our fathers, who turnest the shadow of death into the morning:

And renewest the face of the earth.

Who hast delivered us from the terror by night:

And from the pestilence that walketh in darkness.

Who hast enlightened our eyes, that we should not sleep in death:

And makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

O Eternal God, the fountain of life and health, of peace and joy, who dost enlighten our eyes with thy glories and fill our hearts with thy comforts; blessed be thy name for preserving us this night from sin and sorrow, from accidents and death. And now that thou hast added to the number of our days, grant that all the sins and offences and neglects of those already gone, may by thy mercy be pardoned and done away; that we may henceforth be enabled to walk as children of light, soberly, purely, and honestly; and that this and every other day may be employed to the perfecting of holiness in thy fear, and blessed with the comforts of health, of peace, and innocence. Vouchsafe to keep us without sin, upholding us when we are about to fall, and lifting us up when we are down; that we may never be suffered to continue under the power of temptation, nor to have our hearts hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Let no work of our hands be a cause of grief to ourselves, or of offence to others; but let us be continually employed in those things for which thou, our God, mayest remember for us good. Preserve our going out and our coming in, from this time forth for evermore, and finally let our souls be presented before thy majesty, holy and unreproveable in the day of the Lord Jesus;

to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end. *Amen.*

To our prayers, O Lord, we add our intercessions for all our relatives and friends. Thou knowest all their joys and their sorrows, their hopes and their fears, the number of their sins and the measure of their repentance. O grant them the grace which is sufficient for them, according to their several necessities, and bless them with purity of heart, with righteousness of life, with peace of conscience, and the comforts of the Holy Ghost. More especially, we beseech thee, to look down with mercy upon (our parents,* who are labouring under) the troubles and infirmities of age. As the years draw nigh when they shall have no pleasure in them, when their strength shall be but labour and sorrow, and their flesh and their heart shall fail, O be thou the strength of their heart and their portion for ever. During the few and evil days of their wearisome pilgrimage, let thy rod and thy staff support and comfort them. And the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen them so much the more continually with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man; that as the world fadeth from

* *Or*, "such as are near and dear to us."

their sight they may fix their eyes more steadfastly on that place where true joys are alone to be found. Enable them to realize the truth of thy promises, fill them with the consolations of thy gospel, enliven their hopes, and increase their charity; that living in favour with Thee and in peace with men, they may be at all times ready for their departure, and whenever thou art pleased to take them hence, fulfil their joy in the bliss and glory of thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Thursday Evening.

I HAVE sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou Preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?

Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more.

That which I see not, teach thou me; if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth; for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.

O Lord, I will praise thee; though thou

wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord JEHOVAH *is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

Set not, O Lord, our misdeeds before Thee:

Nor our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For we acknowledge our faults with anguish of soul:

And complain of them in the bitterness of our heart.

O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver us:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Turn we beseech Thee our heaviness into joy:

Put off our sackcloth and gird us with gladness.

O God the Father, who hast declared that thou hast no pleasure in the death of a sinner, but wouldest rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live; be gracious unto thy servants who are thine by creation and adoption, and as an earthly father pitieth his own children, even so be thou merciful unto us who fear thee.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst come to seek that which was lost, suffer us not to perish whom thou hast found and brought into thy fold and ransomed from destruction.

O Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who hast breathed into us a living soul, grant that we may not have received this gift in vain, but vouchsafe us such an abundant measure of thy grace, that we may never resist thy godly motions, nor grieve thee by turning again unto sin.

O God, from whom all good counsels and all just works do proceed, teach us to watch over all our ways, that we may never be surprised by sudden temptations, and strengthen our feeble and wavering minds, that we may never be betrayed by weakness and fear. Direct us in all things according to thy holy word. Give us a clean heart, an undefiled body, pure thoughts, and orderly desires. Sanctify our affections, mortify our appetites and passions,

direct and govern our conduct, pardon what is past, and keep us holy and blameless in the time to come.

And grant that when the short and evil days of our pilgrimage are spent, we may find mercy and favour with all thy saints, who from the beginning of the world have pleased thee in their several generations, patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs, and every just spirit made perfect by faith, from righteous Abel even unto this day. Do thou give us rest and felicity with them in the bosom of paradise; and finally bring us to the full enjoyment of thy heavenly kingdom: that so with that innumerable company before the throne, we may sing praises to Thee and the Lamb, for ever and ever, through the merits and mediation of the same Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O God, whose will is the measure of holiness, and whose providence is the minister of mercy, binding all events together in order to thy glory and the advantage of thy servants by a mysterious chain of wisdom and goodness; let thy will also be the measure of our desires, and thy providence in all the changes of life the ground of our submission. Thou hast made and hitherto sustained us. Thou hast blessed

us with unmerited mercies all our days, and protected us amidst innumerable dangers. Thou hast relieved us in our calamities, and comforted us in our sorrows. In the remembrance then of thy past goodness, may we repose with filial confidence on thy love and favour for the time to come. And more especially, O Lord, we beseech thee, that in the loss of our friends whom thou hast guided in life by thy counsel, and blessed in death with thy peace and favour; we may not murmur and repine, nor sorrow as others who are without hope. Thy counsels are secret and thy wisdom is infinite: with the same hand thou hast crowned them and smitten us. Praised be thy name, O Lord, that thou didst call them to the knowledge of thy truth and sanctify them by thy grace; that thou didst pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing, and preserve them in their way through all the impediments of their salvation. We give thee thanks, O God, for all the graces and benefits which thou didst bestow upon them in time, and hast reserved for them throughout eternity. And we beseech thee to join us so together with them in unity of spirit, that we, following their blessed steps in all virtuous and godly living, may cheerfully do thy will on earth as they in heaven, and be made partakers with them of those

unutterable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the merits of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Friday Morning.

From the 147th Psalm.

O PRAISE the Lord; for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem, and gather together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart, and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars, and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power; yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

The Lord setteth up the meek, and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth: and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men:

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle, and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Sion;

For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates, and hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

He showeth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation; neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O God, the Father of Heaven;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed

with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and from all sin, from pride and vain-glory, from avarice and covetousness;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From envy and hatred, from anger and ill-will, from malignity and revenge;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From luxury and intemperance, from rioting and excess, and from all inordinate and sinful affections;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From hypocrisy, and self-deceit, from uncharitableness and spiritual pride, and from all blindness and hradness of heart;

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the might of thy omnipotency, by the greatness of thy love, by the multitude of thy mercies, and by all thy glorious attributes;

Good Lord, deliver us.

In the time of temptation and trouble, in prosperity and joy, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment;

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it would please thee to give us thy grace, that we may love thee with all our heart, with all our mind, and all our

strength, that we may honour thy holy name and word, and worship thee in spirit and in truth;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may remember our covenant with thee in baptism, the renewal of our promises and vows, and be enabled to fight manfully against the world, the flesh, and the devil;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may present unto thee our bodies and our souls a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in thy sight, and finally obtain those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may love our neighbours as ourselves, that we may be true and just in all our dealings, that we may injure no man's life, good name, or honour, through envy, malice, or revenge, and that we may do unto others as we would they should do unto us;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may forbear one another in love, keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way, and to deliver it from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to enlighten the eyes of them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide their feet into the way of peace;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That from the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same, thy name may be great among the Gentiles, and that all the kingdoms of the earth may become the kingdoms of thy Son;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thy kingdom may come into the hearts of all who truly call upon Thee, with peace, and righteousness, and joy in the Holy Ghost, and that both thy name may be sanctified and thy will be done by us on earth, as it is in heaven;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Father, in the name of thy Son;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Friday Evening.

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God; wherefore turn yourselves and live ye.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him.

How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words to reason with him?

Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my judge.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

Let my prayer, O Lord, be set forth in thy sight as incense:

And the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Incline thine ear unto my calling:

And ponder the voice of my humble desires.

O cleanse thou me from my secret faults:

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me.

O hide not thou thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure:

Thou hast been my succour, leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy people.

O visit me with thy salvation, that I may see the felicity of thy chosen, and rejoice in the gladness of thy people.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, who hast brought us one day nearer to the grave, let this thought excite us to finish the work of our salvation with diligence, before that night overtake us wherein no man can work. Abide with us, O Lord, when the shadows of the evening are stretched out, and the day is declining upon us. O cast us not away in the time of age, neither forsake us when our strength faileth us. Thou hast made and hitherto sustained us, continue still to support and deliver us; and when death draws near, let thy strength be made perfect in our weakness. In constant remembrance and due sense of this awful hour, we earnestly entreat thee, blessed Lord, to order such an end of this life for us, as may be

truly Christian, perfectly void of sin and shame, and so far as thou seest fit, from suffering and pain; that we may be gathered to the remainder of thy chosen, in peace and innocence, and brought to a favourable account at the terrible tribunal of the great day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God of infinite mercy, who hast compassion on all men, and relievest the necessities of all who call unto thee for help, hear the prayers of thy servant, who though unworthy to ask any thing for himself, is bound in charity to pray for others. Be gracious unto thy handmaid, my partner in life. Let thy blessing be upon her head night and day; support her in all her necessities, strengthen her in all her temptations, comfort her in all her sorrows, and let her be thy faithful servant amidst all the changes and chances of this mortal life; and lift up the light of thy countenance upon us both, that we may dwell in thy love and favour for ever. Bless our children with healthful bodies, with sound understandings, with the gifts of thy Spirit, with sweet dispositions and holy habits, and keep them unblamable to the coming of the Lord Jesus. Bless every member of our household, and all our relatives and friends, with the comforts of thy providence,

and the favours of thy grace. Remember our benefactors for good, returning their kindness doubly into their own bosoms, rewarding them with temporal blessings, and crowning them with eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST gracious God, who daily multipliest thy mercies upon us notwithstanding we every day renew our provocations; we bless thee for keeping us in health and peace, for continuing to us all our comforts and enjoyments, for assisting us with thy Spirit in the duties of this day, and turning from us all those evils which we most justly have deserved; grant us a due sense of these endearing benefits, and a hearty sorrow for all our offences.

And forasmuch as it hath pleased thee to make the night for repose, as thou hast ordained the day for labour, grant that we may continually watch in the day for the coming of our Lord, and so diligently work while we have time, that we may not be afraid of the night overtaking us unprepared, but lie down to our rest in peace, either willing to live or ready to die, even as thou, O Lord, in thine infinite wisdom shalt see fit to order it. Unto thy gracious protection we commend ourselves this

night, and all who are near and dear to us. Refresh our bodies with quiet rest and sleep, and our souls with the consolations of thy Holy Spirit; and raise us up again in health and cheerfulness, to praise and bless thy holy name for all thy goodness towards us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Saturday Morning.

THE Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and upon whom doth not his light arise?

With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise.

He taketh the wise in their own craftiness; and the council of the froward is carried headlong.

They meet with darkness in the day-time, and grope in the noon-day as in the night.

The Lord killeth, and maketh alive; he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth.

For of him, and through him, and to him,

are all things: he is the living God, and steadfast for ever; the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto: whom no man hath seen nor can see; to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O Lord, it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps;

Teach us to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for thou art our God.

Remove far from us thoughts that are without understanding.

And evermore inspire us with such as are well pleasing in thy sight.

Turn away our eyes, lest they behold vanity.

Shut our ears to evil communications, and let them be open to the words of truth and righteousness.

Set a watch, O Lord, before our mouth, and keep the door of our lips:

And let our speech be holy and edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

O God the Father of mercies, the Fountain of life and joy, of peace and comfort, who fillest heaven with thy glory, and the earth with thy goodness: we render thee most humble and hearty thanks for the innumerable instances of thy favour and loving-kindness to us. We bless thee for bestowing on us the gift of life in a Christian land, for regenerating us in the waters of baptism, and for renewing us from day to day by the grace of thy Holy Spirit. We bless thee for reclaiming us when we have gone astray, for bearing with the errors and ignorances, the vices and vanities of our youth, and all the remissness and guilt of our riper years. We bless thee that thou didst not cut us off in the beginning of our days and the progress of our sins; that thou didst give us grace to repent and amend our lives; that thou didst comfort us with thy help again, and stablish us with thy free Spirit. Give unto thy servants such a sense of thine unspeakable goodness, that we may love thee with all our heart and soul; that we may serve thee with all our faculties and powers, and submit with cheerfulness to thy will and pleasure in all thy dispensations. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of

our Advocate and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Gracious God, who knowest whereof we are made, and rememberest that we are but dust, let us never fall again into the sins from which thou hast mercifully withdrawn us; and if at any time, through heedlessness or temptation, we wander from thy way, recall us, we beseech thee, by the grace of thy Spirit, that we may never pass from long indulgence in sin, to hardness of heart and contempt of thy word and commandment. Let thy anger never rise against us, but thy rod gently correct our follies, and thy staff guide and support us in thy ways. Give us a tender conscience, a meek and humble spirit, a discreet and charitable conversation, pure and healthful bodies, orderly desires, holy and mortified affections. Let us never, through riches, forget ourselves, nor through poverty forget thee. Let no hope or fear, no pleasure or pain, no accident without or weakness within, hinder or discompose us in our duty, or turn us from the way of thy commandments. O grant that each day and year which may pass over us, may bring us nearer to thyself; and when our strength faileth, be thou our light and defence, our guide and our guard unto death,

and our portion for ever and ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in all the changes and chances of this mortal life. O be gracious unto us in the time of calamity and trouble, when the cloud is thick and the storm is great, and nature would sink under the visitations of thy providence, without the support and comfort of thy heavenly grace. Strengthen our faith in our sicknesses and sorrows, our temptations and trials. And when the days of our pilgrimage are over and the shadows are departed, grant that we may die in thy fear and favour, and rest in an holy hope of our joyful resurrection, and the full and perfect consummation of our bliss, both in body and soul, in thy everlasting kingdom, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Saturday Evening.

O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of face.

We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments.

What is man that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

If the Lord will be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

Enter not into judgment then with thy servant, for in thy sight no man living shall be justified.

O my God, incline thine ear and hear, for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

O Lord, forgive, defer not for thine own sake, O my God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

Incline thine ear unto me, O Lord, and hearken unto my prayer:

Show thy marvellous loving-kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them that put their Trust in Thee.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth, nor the transgressions of my riper years:

But according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

O give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free Spirit:

Then will my lips be glad when I sing unto Thee, and so will my soul which thou hast delivered.

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, and the God of our Fathers, who hast ordained the successions of light and darkness; who hast delivered us from the perils of this day; who hast kept us in security, comfort, and peace, and not cut off our life nor wasted us with pining sickness from morning until night. Wearied with the labours and cares of the past day, we come to thee, O God, for quiet and repose, and new supplies of strength to droop-

ing nature. Let this season of rest be an entire cessation to us, as well from sin as from labour and sorrow; and suffer not any thought to surprise our unguarded minds, which is capable either of displeasing thee, or defiling us; that our sleep may be pure and composed, and free from every worldly and wicked imagination.

O thou Keeper of Israel, that neither slumberest nor sleepest, take us under the covering of thy wings; defend us from the terrors of the night, and the pestilence that walketh in darkness; preserve us from all manner of evil, and visit us with the favour thou bearest unto thy chosen, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who hast blessed us with heavenly blessings in Christ Jesus, thy holy day, thy sacred word, and thy divine ordinances, give us grace, we beseech thee, so to improve them, as that they may supply strength to our minds and comfort to our hearts. Set our affections on things above, and make the hallowed services of thy day of rest an emblem and foretaste to us, of that eternal rest which remaineth for thy people in thy heavenly kingdom. Grant that we may hear and receive thy holy word with meek heart and due reverence, and let it be the chief concern of our life to meditate in thy law, to study thy will, and to understand every

part of our duty; that our service may be holy and acceptable in thy sight. Give us a serious and collected spirit in our prayers, that being neither distracted by the remembrance of our troubles, or pleasures, or our business and cares, nor discomposed by levity or passion, our hearts may be entirely fixed upon heaven and heavenly things. And let the beams of thy blessed Spirit, descending from above, enkindle in us a flame of devotion that may not go out by night or by day. And unite our prayers to the intercession of our Mediator, before thy throne; that being hallowed by the merits of thy Son, they may ascend to thy glorious presence and be acceptable in thy sight, through the same blessed Advocate and Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God our heavenly Father, by whose watchful providence we have been preserved through another week, by whose grace we have been assisted in our duties, and by whose mercy we have been blessed with the comforts of which we were unworthy, and delivered from the evils which we most justly have deserved; accept, we beseech thee, of our unfeigned praises for all thy goodness, and pardon all our sins. Lord, forsake us not in the vanishing of our days, but still continue thy gra-

cious and fatherly protection to us. Be thou our light and defence, our guide and guard through this vale of misery and tears, to that holy hill where thine honour and our rest dwelleth. And give us the peace, and comfort, and communion of thy Holy Spirit, that our eyes may see thy salvation, and we thy servants depart in thy peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

THIRD WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

GREAT is the Lord, and highly to be praised in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill:

The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth; upon the north side lieth the city of the great King: God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself: he hath longed for her.

I will bless her victuals with increase, and will satisfy her poor with bread.

I will deck her priests with health, and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

My praise is of thee in the great congregation; my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name, because of thy loving-

kindness and truth; for thou hast magnified thy name and thy word above all things.

I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever, and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

Bless, O Lord, thy Spouse, the Holy Catholic Church:

And evermore mightily defend her.

Deliver her from all strange doctrines, heresies, and schisms:

And bless her with truth, unity and concord.

Clothe her priests with righteousness and holiness of life:

And give her people grace to hold fast of their profession, and adorn it with good works.

Comfort her where she is distressed:

And strengthen her where she is languishing and weak.

Deliver her where she is in danger:

And restore her where she is laid waste.

Bless her friends:

Convert her enemies.

Have mercy, O Lord, on the nations who do not know Thee:

And those who knew Thee once, but since have fallen from the truth.

Bring back those who have wandered from her fold:

And may all the kingdoms of the world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord God, the Maker of all things, visible and invisible, the Giver of all good, temporal and eternal, the Fountain of life and immortality, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the world, the Advocate of sinners, the Prince of Peace, the Head of the Church, and the mighty Deliverer of all them that call upon Thee.

Glory be to Thee, O Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, the Comforter and Sanctifier of the faithful.

All glory and thanks, all honour and power, all love and obedience be to the undivided Trinity, one God, blessed for evermore.

The heavens declare thy glory, the earth confesses thy providence, the sea manifests thy power, and angels and men celebrate thy greatness and magnify thy mercy for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O Holy and blessed Saviour, who hast overcome death and the grave, manifesting the truth of thy promises by thy triumphant resurrection from the dead and ascension into heaven, raise us, we beseech Thee, from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that we, following thy blessed steps, may also be partakers of thy glorious resurrection. Mortify within us our corrupt affections and inordinate desires. Keep us from vicious compliances and evil customs, and let not the reverence of any man cause us to sin against Thee. Take from us all frowardness and pride, all prejudice and self-conceit, all blindness of heart and carelessness of spirit, that we may cast down every vain imagination, and bring every thought into obedience to thy will. May we never be ashamed of Thee before men, but acknowledging Thee as our Lord and Master, and ourselves as thy servants and disciples, may we love to sit at thy feet, and listen to the words which flow from thy lips; that being instructed in thy truth and sanctified by thy Spirit, there

may be no place left in us either for error in religion, or for viciousness of life. All which we ask through thine own prevailing merits, O blessed Saviour, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who by thy divine Providence hast appointed divers orders of ministers in thy Church for the salvation of mankind, send down upon these thy servants thy heavenly blessing. Give them grace, we beseech Thee, diligently to preach thy word, and duly administer the godly discipline thereof. Replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and adorn them with innocency of life, that both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve thee in their several offices to thy honour and the edification of thy Church. And grant to the people, that they may obediently follow their godly admonitions, so that as well by these thy ministers, as by them over whom they are appointed, thy holy name may be for ever glorified, and thy blessed kingdom enlarged.

More especially we beseech thee, O Heavenly Father, to be present with us this day in our attendance on thy courts. Impress us with a deep sense of thy mercies and our own unworthiness, that coming before Thee with

meek hearts and due reverence, our prayers and praises may be acceptable in thy sight. And enable us to be doers of the word, and not hearers only; walking worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, and adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things, who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever liveth and reigneth, world without end. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Sunday Evening.

Psalm 84.

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house; and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young; even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are thy ways.

Who, going through the vale of misery, use it for a well; and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength, and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God, our defender, and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence; the Lord will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that putteth his trust in Thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

Remember us, O Lord, in mercy:

And visit us with thy salvation.

Deliver us from our enemies, O Lord God of hosts:

And show us the light of thy countenance.

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness:

And make thy faithful people joyful.

Turn the scourge of thine anger from the earth:

And let peace and good will prevail among men.

O MERCIFUL GOD, by whose fatherly love and watchful providence we are preserved amidst the innumerable dangers to which we are exposed, and blessed with the comforts of which we are unworthy, and by whose grace we are helped in our infirmities and strengthened in our temptations; look down upon us, we beseech Thee, with pity and compassion. We are humbled at the remembrance of thy mercies, and our own unthankfulness. We are ashamed of our remissness in duty, and our frequent neglect of the means of grace. O Lord, be gracious to our infirmities, and have mercy upon our sins. Forgive, more especially, whatever has been amiss in the services of the past day, the coldness of our affections, the wandering of our minds, the worldliness of our thoughts, and all the imperfections in our praises and prayers; and grant that with pure hearts and broken and contrite spirits, with sanctified lips and holy desires, we may serve thee more devoutly and acceptably for the time to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living. Let thy Holy Spirit govern all our words and

actions, our thoughts and designs, and enable us so truly to repent us of our sins, so carefully to reform our errors, so diligently to watch over all our conduct, that we may never fail through negligence to obey thy commandments, nor willingly transgress thy holy laws. May it be the work of our lives and the joy of our hearts to serve and please Thee, that we may finally receive the reward of our labours and the end of our hopes, the salvation of our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, by whom alone all kinds and degrees of lawful magistracy are ordained to provide for the public peace, and, by restraining private injuries, to remove the impediments to love and good will among men; that so both rulers and people may be built up together for thy heavenly kingdom: preserve, we beseech Thee, and govern with thy grace, those whom thou hast adorned with thy power. Keep their hearts in thy faith, fear, and love, that they may not seek their own, but thy honour and glory, O Lord of lords, and King of kings; and at all times and in all cases, truly and impartially administer justice to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. And

make both them and the people to know that thou reignest, that so they may seek in all things to obey and please Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

INTO thy hands, O God, we commend ourselves, and all who are near and dear to us. Take us under the shadow of thy wings, guard us against our spiritual foes, and let not the wicked approach to hurt us. O Lord, bless us and keep us this night without sin. O Lord, make thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us, refreshing us with the consolations of thy Spirit, and the comfortable assurance of thy favour and love. O Lord, lift up thy countenance upon us, and give rest to our bodies and peace to our souls, through the merits of Him who died for our reconciliation, and left us the promise of peace, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Monday Morning

Psalm 63.

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee; my flesh also longeth after thee, in a barren and dry land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness, that I might behold thy power and glory;

For thy loving kindness is better than the life itself: my lips shall praise thee.

As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner, and lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness, when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

Have I not remembered thee in my bed, and thought upon thee when I was waking?

Because thou hast been my helper; therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul hangeth upon thee; thy right hand hath upholden me.

These also that seek the hurt of my soul, they shall go under the earth.

Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, that they may be a portion for foxes.

But the King shall rejoice in God; all they also that swear by him shall be commended; for the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.
Our help is in the name of the Lord;
Who made heaven and earth.
Have mercy upon us, O God, our Saviour:
And turn away thine anger from us.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord make haste to help us.

Most gracious God, the fountain of life and peace, of joy and bliss, who fillest heaven with thy glory and earth with thy goodness; we give thee most humble and hearty thanks, for that thou hast poured out upon us the bounties of thy providence, and refreshed us with the comforts of thy grace. We praise thee for thy preservation of us through the past night and the whole course of our lives, for the support of every hour and the enjoyments of every day.

Grant, O Lord, that what is sown in mercy may spring up in duty, that living here to thy glory we may enter finally into thy rest, and throughout eternity may show forth thy praise, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; grant us, we beseech thee, that having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace, and of all virtues; without which, whosoever liveth, is counted dead before thee: Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O God, in whose sight a meek and quiet spirit is of great price, and whose gracious

providence has so ordained, that without it we cannot pass in peace and safety through the turbulent sea of this world to our haven of bliss; vouchsafe, we beseech thee, that the daily experience of our own weakness and vanity may so dispose us to humility and forbearance, that our minds may never be discomposed with passion nor our tongues break forth into violent expressions, but that our temper may be always calm and even, as becomes the disciples of Him who was meek and lowly, and who left us an example that we should follow his steps, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Children.

[O God, who settest open the entrance of thy heavenly kingdom to all those who are regenerated by water and by the Holy Ghost, we more especially beseech thee, increase and nourish in our dear children the grace which thou hast given to them whom thou hast adopted in baptism to be thine own children, and co-heirs with thy Son our Lord in the same kingdom; and grant that they being cleansed by him from all sins, and adorned with righteousness of life, may be made meet to be partakers of those heavenly promises which, by his glorious resurrection, he hath sealed and rati-

fied to them. Let thy fatherly hand, we beseech thee, ever be over them. Let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them. And so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*]

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Monday Evening.

Psalm 86.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me; for I am poor and in misery.

Preserve thou my soul; for I am holy: my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I will call daily upon thee.

Comfort the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer, and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee; for thou hearest me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; there is not one that can do as thou doest.

All nations whom thou hast made, shall come and worship thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth: O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy name.

I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and will praise thy name for ever more.

For great is thy mercy toward me; and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

O God, the proud are risen against me; and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.

But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.

Show some token upon me for good; that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed, because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.
May we be kept this night from all evil;
From all our enemies, visible and invisible;
Through the mercies of God the Father;
The merits of God the Son;
And the grace of God the Holy Ghost;
Who, with the Father and the Son, is worshipped and glorified, world without end.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant that we may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being instructed by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostles and Evangelists, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to everlasting life. And we not only make request, O Lord, for them that thou hast already called to the true understanding of thy heavenly will, but for all people and nations of the world, who, as they know by thy wonderful works, that thou art God over all, so they may be instructed by thy Holy Spirit, to believe in thy Son, their only Saviour and Redeemer. Raise up for them faithful distributors of thy word and mysteries, who, setting apart all worldly respects, may, both in their life and doctrine, only seek thy glory, and the salvation of those to whom they are sent. Save and defend, also, we beseech Thee, all Christian rulers; inspire them with a true and hearty

zeal for the glory of thy name; and so give by their means to all nations unity, peace, and concord, that they may become the kingdoms of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth in the unity of the only eternal Majesty, God and King for ever, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we render thee most humble and hearty thanks, that thou hast vouchsafed of thy mercy and goodness to preserve us through the past day; and we beseech thee also, to protect and defend us this night from all danger, as well of body as of soul, that if it be thy good pleasure to raise us up again in health and safety, we may worthily praise and joyfully serve thee. And grant that after a life spent in thy love and favour, our death may be truly Christian; free from sin and shame; from distraction of mind or sorrow of spirit; and so far as thou seest fit from suffering and pain. Grant also, O good Lord, that we may appear with comfort, and find a favourable account at the great and terrible tribunal of thy Son Jesus Christ, who, we believe, will come to be our Judge; so that, gathering us to the remainder of thy chosen in peace and innocence, we may finally be

brought to the full enjoyment of thy heavenly kingdom; and with that innumerable company before the throne may unceasingly sing praises to thy glorious name, who in the unity of the Son and Holy Spirit, ever liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Tuesday Morning.

From the 71st Psalm.

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion; but rid me, and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me and save me.

The snares of death compassed me round about, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord, for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the sight of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem: praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.
Save thy people, O Lord;
And bless thine inheritance;
Govern them, and lift them up for ever;
That they may walk in the light of thy countenance.
Be blessed with the felicity of thy chosen;
And rejoice in thy presence for ever.

O God, whose name is excellent in all the earth, and thy glory above the heavens, we, thy unworthy servants, do humbly present ourselves before thy divine Majesty, acknowledging thy power, wisdom, and goodness. By thee have we been fearfully and wonderfully made. Thou hast fitted us for the enjoyment of all things here on earth, and blessed us with the hope of a better life to come. Thou hast pro-

tected and sustained us ever since we were born, amidst the many and great dangers to which our frail bodies are exposed; and graciously delivered us from the temptations to wickedness and vice, which assault and hurt the soul. Thou hast brought us to the knowledge of the truth, and to a deep sense of thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. O make us duly thankful for these and all thy other mercies. And since, O God, thou hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding, we beseech thee crown thy mercy to us, by pouring into our hearts such love towards thee, that we loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises which exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants, grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine Majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith; and grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in every mystery of thy Gospel, that our faith in thy sight may never be reproved. Save us from

all error, pride, and prejudice, and give us godly simplicity and true wisdom, that we may embrace whatever is clearly revealed in thy holy word, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast purchased to thyself an Universal Church by the most precious blood of thy dear Son, and hast established therein holy mysteries, as pledges of the exceeding great love of this our Master and only Saviour, and for a continual remembrance of his meritorious death to our great and endless comfort; keep us, we beseech thee, steadfast in the fellowship of the same. Open our eyes that we may behold the wonders of thy Gospel, and adore the steps of thy providence in the government of thy people; graciously secure us against all dimness in our faith and all coldness in our charity; and beget in us such an holy fervour, as may inflame us with the desire to pass from the mystical representation of thy love and presence here, to the Supper of the Lamb in thy heavenly kingdom, where we may eternally behold thee face to face, through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

UNTO Thee, O God, we commend our souls and bodies, for thou hast created and redeemed them; and together with ourselves, all our relations and friends, all our possessions and comforts, for all these thou hast graciously given to thy unworthy servants. Watch over us, we beseech thee, this day, and all our lives, that we may never sin against thee by idleness and folly, by evil company or secret faults. Let the employments in which we are about to engage, leave no sorrow of spirit, or upbraiding of conscience behind them; but let them be holy and profitable, blessed and innocent. O let thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery in righteousness and peace; that when the short and evil days of our pilgrimage are spent, we may be received into paradise, and rest in joyful hope of our perfect consummation and bliss in thy eternal and glorious kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Tuesday Evening.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee:

Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble; incline thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon.

For my wickednesses are gone over my head, and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear:

I am brought into so great trouble and misery, that I go mourning all the day long.

God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee:

My heart is disquieted within me, and the fear of death is fallen upon me.

Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and an horrible dread hath overwhelmed me:

And I said, O that I had wings like a dove; for then would I flee away and be at rest.

Lo, then would I get me away far off, and remain in the wilderness:

I would make haste to escape, because of the stormy wind and tempest.

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee; and

under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be overpast:

I stretch forth my hands unto thee; my soul gaspeth unto thee, as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint; hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down to the pit:

The Lord shall make good his loving kindness towards me; yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the work of thine own hands.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.
O Lord, show thy mercy upon us:
And grant us thy salvation.
Turn thy face from our sins:
And blot out all our iniquities.
Send us help from thy holy place:
And evermore mightily defend us.
O Lord, hear our prayer:
And let the sighing of the sorrowful come before thee.

O God the Father everlasting, who didst send thine adorable, true, and only Son into the world to deliver man, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O Christ, the King of glory, who, when thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers, we pray thee help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood; and make us to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Holy Ghost, the Comforter, support and strengthen our weak hearts, keep us henceforth without sin, govern us, and lift us up for ever.

O Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God; have mercy upon us.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only

begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure Virgin; grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit. Direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws and in the works of thy commandments, that through thy most mighty protection we may be preserved in body and soul. And, as by thy special grace preventing us, thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help enable us to bring the same to good effect, that our hearts and all our members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, remember those, we beseech thee, who are in adversity and trouble. Grant relief to the poor, health to the sick, comfort to the sorrowful, and liberty to the prisoners. Look with pity upon their sufferings; consoling them with a sense of thy goodness, and enduing them with resignation to thy blessed will. And fill our hearts with kindness and charity, that, acting as stewards of thy bounty, and ministers of thy mercy, we may all be made meet to be

partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD and Heavenly Father, who hast given to us thy only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and the Author of everlasting life, who hast sanctified us by thy Holy Spirit, who hast daily poured out thy benefits upon us, saved our life from destruction, and crowned us with mercy and loving-kindness; for these great benefits of thy unspeakable goodness we praise and magnify thy glorious name. Give us grace, we beseech Thee, to love thee in return for thy tender mercies; to fear thee from an awful sense of thy power; and to commit our souls in well doing to thee, O most faithful Creator, from a full reliance on thy watchful providence and paternal care. Confirm us more and more in our devout feelings and holy purposes, by thy endearing invitations and heavenly promises; by thy word and thy works; and having thus attained a peaceful resting and reliance upon thee, Lord, let us not at last be disappointed of our hope, for the sake of our Advocate and Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Wednesday Morning.

From the 8th Psalm.

O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world; thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers; the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained.

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou madest him lower than the angels, to crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands: and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet.

O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, ect.

O God the Father, Creator of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier and Comforter of the faithful;

Have mercy upon us.

O God, the eternal fulness of all perfection, the overflowing source of all beings, the bountiful author of all good; O God, in whom we live, move, and have our being;

Have mercy upon us.

O God, who hast made us out of nothing after thy own image, who preservest us every moment from returning again into nothing; O God, who hast made the world for our use, and us for thyself;

Have mercy upon us.

O God, who hast redeemed us by the death of thy Son, and sanctified us by the grace of thy Holy Spirit; O God, who hast brought us to the knowledge of thyself in Christ, and blest us with the means of salvation;

Have mercy upon us.

O God, who hast prepared a glorious inheritance for those who love thee and keep thy

commandments, whose favour is life, and the end and expectation of all our labours;

Have mercy upon us.

O God, the only rest of our wearied souls, our chief joy in time and eternity; O God, our God, who art all that we can desire;

Have mercy upon us.

From all manner of evil, but especially from sin, from all occasions of offending thy Divine Majesty, and from the particular temptations to which by time, place, or temper, we are most exposed;

Deliver us, O Lord.

From the treachery of our own hearts and the violence of our passions, from sudden and unprovided death here, and from everlasting death hereafter;

Deliver us, O Lord.

By thy Almighty power and unsearchable wisdom, by thy adorable goodness and all thy other glorious attributes;

Deliver us, O Lord.

By the mystery of thy holy incarnation and humble birth, by the sanctity of thy heavenly doctrine, and the perfect example of thy heavenly life, and by all the miracles thou didst work for us;

Deliver us, O Lord.

By the merits of thy bitter passion and pre-

cious death, by thy victorious resurrection from the dead, by thy triumphant ascension into heaven, and by the glory of thy kingdom, who art King of kings and Lord of lords; in the hour of death and in the day of judgment;

Deliver us, O Lord.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us;

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Wednesday Evening.

HEAR my crying, O God, give ear unto my prayer.

From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee, when my heart is in heaviness.

Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and in misery.

The sorrows of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my troubles:

Look upon my adversity and misery, and forgive me all my sin.

Consider mine enemies how many they are; and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.

O keep my soul and deliver me: let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.

Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me; for my hope hath been in thee.

Deliver Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy, for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O that my head were waters;

And mine eyes a fountain of tears;

That I might weep day and night the loss of my time past;

And bewail my manifold transgressions.

We have sinned with our fathers, we have sinned:

We have transgressed against thee, we have committed iniquity.

Spare us, O Lord, for thy mercy's sake:

Spare the work of thine own hands.

Spare us whom thou hast made for the enjoyment of thyself:

Spare us whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood.

O Almighty and merciful God, we, miserable sinners, humbly prostrate our souls and bodies before the throne of thy adorable Majesty, accusing and condemning ourselves with true and hearty sorrow for all the offences of our past lives; and particularly for those we have committed this day. We confess them

with shame and confusion of face. Have pity upon us according to thy great goodness; and according to the multitude of thy mercies, blot out our transgressions. Forgive them all, O Lord, of what kind or degree soever they may be, the opportunities of good we have neglected, and the offences we have committed; the sins of our youth, and the sins of our riper years; the sins of our souls, and the sins of our bodies; our secret sins and our more open sins; our sins of ignorance and surprise, and our more deliberate and presumptuous sins; the sins we have done to please ourselves, or the sins we have done to please others; the sins we know and remember, and the sins we have forgotten; the sins we have striven to hide from others, and the sins by which we have made others offend: forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all for his sake, who died for our sins and rose again for our justification, and now stands at thy right hand to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Most wise and merciful Lord, who hast ordained this life as a passage to the next, confining our probation to the time of our pilgrimage here, and reserving the state of punishment and reward for the world to come; give us grace so to watch over all our actions, and cor-

rect every deviation in our way to heaven, that we may neither be surprised with our sins uncancelled, nor our duties imperfect; but that when our bodies go down into the grave, our souls may ascend to thee, and dwell for ever in the mansions of eternal felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL GOD, we pray also for thy blessing on thy Church Universal. Make its members sound in faith and holy in life. Illuminate all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word, that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and show it accordingly; and grant that the people committed to their charge may meekly hear thy word, receive it with pure affection, and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Advocate and Redeemer. *Amen.*

AND accept, O gracious Father, our evening sacrifice of praise, for all the mercies and blessings of our past lives. Thy daily care hath been of us, and our daily praises are due unto thee, to whom we owe all that we are, and all that we have, the comforts and enjoyments of this present life, and the hopes and promises of a better life to come. And as thou hast

graciously dwelt with us through the day past, we humbly beseech thee to watch over us also this night. Keep us in safety under the shadow of thy wings, refresh us with quiet and comfortable rest, and grant that we may rise again with thankful hearts, and return with cheerful spirits to the duties of our several callings, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Thursday Morning.

Psalm 19.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handy work.

One day telleth another; and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language; but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound has gone out into all lands; and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O Lord, save thy servants:

That put their trust in thee.

Show them the light of thy countenance:

And let thy peace be upon them.

For thou, O God, art their helper and defender:

Their glory also, and the lifter up of their heads.

Thou art always near to relieve the afflicted:

And wilt save the humble of spirit.

Thou, Lord, raisest those that are fallen:

And bindest together the broken hearts.

Show us thy mercy, O Lord, who call on thy name:

And make all them rejoice who lift up their souls unto thee.

Most gracious and blessed Lord, the Father of mercy and God of all comfort, we worship and adore thee with the lowest humility of body and soul, and give thee all thanks and praise for thine infinite glories and perfections, and for the abundance of thy mercies to thy unworthy servants. We bless thy holy name for having preserved us through the past night from the violence of the wicked, and from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sickness of body, and weariness of spirit; from dangers, accidents, and death. In the remembrance of our sinfulness and thy great goodness to us, we are covered with confusion and shame. We have been altogether unworthy of thy favour, and only deserved thine indignation and wrath. But thy mercy in Christ Jesus our Saviour rejoicing over judgment, thou hast still continued to us life and time of repentance; thou hast

given to us the means of grace; thou hast opened to us the gates of mercy, and perpetually called upon us to enter in and to walk in the paths of a holy life, that we might glorify thee and be glorified of thee for ever and ever, through the merits and mediation of the same Lord Jesus Christ, our Advocate and Redeemer. *Amen.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness. May we enjoy the peace which passeth understanding, in the light of thy reconciled countenance. May a holy peace for ever dwell in our consciences. May domestic peace perpetually rest in the bosom of this family. May there be concord and unity in all Christian assemblies, one heart and one voice, the same faith, and an eternal charity. And make wars to cease in all the world, that the peaceful design of thy gospel may be advanced, thy laws be universally obeyed, and thy name be magnified by all thy creatures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL SAVIOUR, who didst take upon thee our nature to redeem us from sin and shame, from misery and death; who for our sakes wert led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before the shearer is dumb, so thou openedst not thy mouth: O plant in our hearts such gentleness and patience, such forbearance and long-suffering, that we may never be transported with violent anger, nor disordered by thoughts of malice and revenge. May we receive with patience all the injuries that shall be done to us, and return blessing for cursing, good for evil, kind words for foul reproaches, gentle treatment for derision and affronts; that living all our days with meekness and charity, keeping peace with all men and loving our neighbour as ourselves, we may overcome evil with good, and at last enter together into the mansions of eternal peace and love, where thou livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Thursday Evening.

I WILL cry unto God with my voice; even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.

In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord; my sore ran, and ceased not in the night-season; my soul refused comfort.

When I am in heaviness I will think upon God; when my heart is vexed, I will complain.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so feeble that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old, and the years that are past.

I call to remembrance my song, and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirits.

Will the Lord absent himself for ever? and will he be no more entreated?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever, and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore.

Hath God forgotten to be gracious? and will he shut up his loving-kindness in displeasure?

And I said, It is mine own infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most Highest.

I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind the wonders of old time.

I will think also of all thy works, and my talking shall be of thy doings.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O Lord, bless all our kindred and acquaintance:

And abundantly reward our benefactors and friends.

Bless our enemies and slanderers, and all that persecute us and despitefully use us:

Turn their hearts, O Lord, and make them of enemies to become our friends.

Have mercy on us, thy servants, here assembled in thy presence:

And guard and defend us from all evil.

Keep us from the terror and danger of fire:

And from all the assaults of wicked men, and the snares and temptations of the devil.

Into thy hands we commend our weak and wearied bodies:

O Lord, our refuge, our strength, and our Redeemer.

Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend our spirits:

O bless us, and keep us this night without sin.

Most gracious God, the Fountain of goodness and mercy, who desirest not the death of a sinner, nor despisest the tears of the penitent, receive, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy servants, and move our hearts to a true contrition, that being pardoned the sins which we have presumed to commit, we may be delivered from the evils which we deserve to suffer; and that, assisted by thy grace and guided by thy word, we may pass the residue of our days in a more perfect denial of our corrupt inclinations and more constant regard to thy glorious promises, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O blessed Lord, to whom alone do belong the issues of life and death, grant that whether we live, we may live unto thee, or whether we

die, we may die unto thee; that thou mayest be glorified both in our bodies and in our souls; that neither life nor death, nor things present nor things to come, nor any other creature may be able to separate us from the love of thee in Christ Jesus our Lord; that so when the earthly house of this our tabernacle shall be dissolved, we may have an house of God not made with hands eternal in the heavens, through the same thy Son, our only Redeemer and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God our heavenly Father, who hast commanded us to love one another as thy children, and hast ordained the highest friendship in the bond of thy Spirit; we beseech thee, to maintain and preserve us always in the same bond, to thy glory and our mutual comfort. Grant that we may be united together in that love which is from above, with all those to whom we are bound by any endearing tie either of nature or of choice. Look more especially upon all the members of this family, guiding us by thy counsel and adorning us by thy grace. Give us such temporal benefits as shall seem unto thee most expedient for us in our several necessities. But above all, send down upon us the dew of thy heavenly blessing. Shed the light of thy Spirit upon our minds, lead us steadfastly

in thy way, and enable us to walk in the same all the days of our life; that we may have joy in each other that passeth not away, and having lived together in love here according to thy commandment, we may live for ever together with thee in the glory of thy kingdom hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, remember every Christian soul bowed down with sorrow or sin, and all who stand in need of thy mercy and help. Look graciously upon the sick and the needy, the lonely and disconsolate; upon those who have no settled dwelling while they live, and those who are destitute of friends to bury them when they die; all of discontented and disordered minds; all who labor under any temptation to destroy themselves, or are driven to despair of thy mercy. Hear the sighs and prayers of the prisoners who are condemned to die, and lift up the light of thy countenance upon all who are in the valley of the shadow of death; supporting them in their agonies, their weaknesses, and temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Most gracious God, who hast poured out thy benefits upon us, and crowned us with mercy and loving-kindness; we praise thy name

for all the blessings of this life, and for all thy promises of a better life to come. We bless thee for our creation and preservation, for the support of every hour and the comforts of every day. We bless thee for calling us to the knowledge of thy will, for redeeming us by the death of thy only begotten Son, for giving us the means of grace and the hope of glory. O grant us such a sense of thine inestimable love, that we may live to thy honour here, and enter into thy eternal joy hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Friday Morning.

Psalm 15.

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart:

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour, and hath not slandered his neighbour:

He that setteth not by himself; but is lowly in his own eyes, and maketh much of them that fear the Lord:

He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not, though it were to his own hindrance:

He that hath not given his money upon usury, nor taken reward against the innocent.

Whoso doeth these things shall never fall.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O God the Father, Creator of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier, Comforter, and Perfecter of the faithful;

Have mercy upon us.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts;

Have mercy upon us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to give us a true and hearty repentance for all our offences, and to work in us a sincere and effectual resolution to amend our lives for the time to come;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please thee to pardon the sins of our life past, and so to prevent and assist us with thy grace while we live here, that we may not fail to be eternally happy hereafter;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please Thee to have pity on the infirmities of our nature, and in all our dangers, temptations and trials, to strengthen and relieve us;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us the abundance of thy grace; that seeing our daily imperfections, we may quicken our diligence, humble our lofty thoughts, and learn to depend on thee for thy governance, and to pray unto thee for thy succour and support;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That acknowledging all we have here is derived from thy unmerited bounty, we may delight to praise and glorify thee, and above all thy benefits, love thee our benefactor;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That knowing all we hope for hereafter proceeds from thy free and gracious promises, we may faithfully endeavour to serve and please thee, and to make ourselves meet for the inheritance of the saints in light;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That believing thou governest the world by thy providence, we may humbly and thankfully accept the condition of life thou assignest us therein, and not murmur at the part thou givest us to act, but strive to fulfil and adorn it;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That we may religiously observe the rules and duties of our several stations, and contentedly submit to the trials of our lot, cheering ourselves with the glad hope that if we be pa-

tient and holy here, we shall be happy and glorious hereafter;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That we may live in peace and charity with all the world, and more especially among ourselves; united into one family, patiently forbearing, freely forgiving, and readily assisting one another;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That in the midst of our daily business we may often lift up our hearts to heaven, and thereby comfort and refresh our spirits, and increase our desires of a blessed eternity;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That whether we sleep or wake, we may be safe under thy protection, who never slumberest nor sleepest; and whether we live or die, we may always be thine;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us;

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Friday Evening.

From the 32d Psalm.

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For whilst I held my tongue, my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night, and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

I will acknowledge my sin unto thee; and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord; and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

Have mercy, O Lord, on the helpless and afflicted:

And hear their prayers when they cry unto thee.

Turn not thy face away from them, O Lord:

But behold their humiliation and sorrow, and forgive them all their sins.

Enlighten them when they sit in darkness:

And forsake them not in the valley of the shadow of death.

Sustain and cheer them in the weakness and agony of their last hour:

And give them, with thy faithful, eternal rest and peace in thy heavenly kingdom.

O Almighty and eternal God, whose gracious wisdom vouchsafes to command such things as are necessary to fit us for everlasting bliss, and forbid such as are apt to render us eternally unhappy; we miserable sinners, hum-

bly prostrate our souls and bodies before thy most adorable Majesty, and with a true and hearty sorrow acknowledge our manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws. We confess, O Lord God, that we have grievously sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed. Enter not, we beseech thee, into judgment with thy servants, for in thy sight no man living shall be justified; but graciously hear the prayers and supplications which we now offer unto thee, and when thou hearest forgive. Have mercy upon us according to thy great goodness, and blot out all our iniquities, for the merits of our Advocate and Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Lord, who for our sakes didst fast forty days and forty nights, and by thy blessed example hast taught us to follow thy steps, enable us by the due mortification of our carnal appetites and inordinate desires, so to lighten the weight of our corrupt bodies which press down the soul, as to quicken our devout affections and dispose us for meditation and prayer: and give us grace to use such abstinence, that our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the

Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, who knowest whereof we are made, and rememberest that we are but dust, look down with pity and compassion upon thy servants, whose days pass away like a tale that is told, and as the remembrance of a guest that tarrieth but a night. Suffer us not to walk in a vain show, nor to disquiet ourselves in vain; but so teach us to number the days of our pilgrimage which are few and evil, as that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Guide us by thy Holy Spirit in the ways of peace. Enable us to die daily unto sin and to live unto righteousness; that being weaned from this world, our affections and conversation may be in heaven. And grant that when we shall have served thee in our generation, and been gathered unto our fathers, our souls may rest in the bosom of paradise, and our bodies be awakened and glorified at the resurrection of the just, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, we humbly beseech thee, that in the loss of our friends who have died in the Lord, we may not sorrow as others

who are without hope. O may we realize, in some measure, the blessedness of their change. May we find a solace and support in the comfortable assurance, that through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ, who has overcome death, their vile bodies shall be changed and made like unto his own most glorious body; that through the grave and gate of death they shall pass to their joyful resurrection; that they rest from their labours and their works do follow them; that delivered from the burden of the flesh, they have entered into the felicity of thy chosen; and that received into paradise, they wait with the spirts of the just, in joyful expectation of their perfect consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory. Most thankfully, therefore, do we praise thee, for their gracious lives and deaths here, and for the glorious crowns with which they are recompensed in thy kingdom; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that we living and dying like them, may together with them be partakers also of thy heavenly kingdom, and be numbered with these thy holy ones in glory everlasting. Grant this, O Father, for the merits of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Saturday Morning.

From the 104th Psalm.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious, thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment, and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters, and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.

He maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flaming fire.

He laid the foundations of the earth, that it never should move at any time.

Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment; the waters stand in the hills.

At thy rebuke they flee; at the voice of thy thunder they are afraid.

They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath; even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.

Thou hast set them their bounds, which they shall not pass, neither turn again to cover the earth.

He sendeth the springs into the rivers, which run among the hills.

All the beasts of the field drink thereof, and the wild asses quench their thirst.

Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their habitation, and sing among the branches.

He watereth the hills from above; the earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.

He bringeth forth grass for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men.

That he may bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man: and oil to make him a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen man's heart.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works; in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O Lord, bless this family:

And may thy peace evermore be with us.

Preserve us in our going out and coming in:

O Lord, our refuge and defence.

Keep us from the arrow that flieth by night:

And from the sickness that destroyeth at noon-day.

Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend our bodies and souls:

For thou hast redeemed us, thou God of truth.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. Heaven and earth, angels and men, give glory and honour, thanksgiving and praise, unto Him who sitteth on the throne, and liveth for ever and ever. The blessed spirits and souls of the righteous cast their crowns before the throne, and worship Him who liveth for ever and ever. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Great and marvellous are thy works, O Lord God Almighty. Just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Unsearchable in wisdom, infinite in mercy, glorious in holiness, we are not worthy, O Lord, to appear in thy presence, before whom the angels hide their faces, and the heavens are not clean. But since thou deignest to accept the unworthy oblation

of thy sinful creatures, receive, we beseech thee, our unfeigned thanks and praise for all the blessings and favours by which we have been supported and comforted in this life, and for all the graces and mercies by which we are enabled to prepare ourselves for a holier and happier life in the world to come. And we offer up our souls and bodies, all that we are and all that we have, as a sacrifice to thee and thy service, humbly beseeching thee to pardon all our sins, to defend us from all evil, to lead us into all good, to guide us here by thy counsel, and finally to receive us to glory, through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, the Creator and Governor of the universe, who hast so disposed all things as may best glorify thy wisdom, serve the ends of thy justice, and magnify thy mercy; and who by secret and undiscernible ways bringest good out of evil, we humbly beseech thee to give us wisdom from above, that we may reverence thee in thy judgments and adore thy footsteps which are in the great deep, and cannot be searched out. Teach us to submit to thy providence in all things, to be content in all the changes of our condition, to be temperate in prosperity, meek, patient, and resigned in

adversity, and to look through the cloud of darkness and trouble for the light and consolation which thou in thy mercy vouchsafest to them that love thee. And grant, that in all our afflictions we may fly unto thee for succour aud support; that we may wait for deliverance in such times and manners as thou hast reserved in thine own power, and graciously dispensest according to thine infinite wisdom and compassion; and that, in the mean time, doing our duty with an unwearied diligence and an undisturbed composure, our affections may be gradually weaned from the vanities and possessions of this world, and steadfastly fixed on that place were true joys are alone to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GREAT and glorious God, the sovereign Judge of all mankind, whose anger is always the minister of justice, not lightly arising but falling heavily when it comes; give us with resignation to thy will, a meek and gentle spirit, that we also may be slow to anger and ever disposed to mercy and forgiveness. Grant us such wisdom and forbearance, as that we may not be moved with every trifling mistake and inconsiderable offence in the conversation and intercourse of others, nor moved to an intemperate anger for any injury that is done to

us; but let it ever be upon a just cause, measured with moderation and reason, expressed with charity and prudence, and lasting no longer than it hath done some good either upon ourselves or others. Grant this through the Son of thy love, who received evil with patience, while he went about doing good, and by whom thou art reconciled to mankind, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Saturday Evening.

Psalm 130.

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee; therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning-watch, I say before the morning-watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O Lord, pardon our sins of weakness and surprise:

Pardon our sins of wilfulness and malice.

Keep us from relapsing into the sins of which we have repented:

And from our lying in sins without repentance.

Make us so grieve for our sins, that we may hate them:

And hate them so, that we may forsake them.

Check our unruly passions with thy holy fear:

And guide us in the ways of truth and peace.

That we may turn to thee with all our heart:

And bring forth fruits meet for repentance.

O MERCIFUL God, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live; look down with pity and compassion upon thy servants, weak and miserable, sinful and ignorant, not able to escape death without a Saviour, nor to live a life of holiness without thy Spirit. O be graciously pleased to enlighten our minds and to sanctify our hearts. Break off the bands and fetters of our sins, correct our evil inclina-

tions, renew a right spirit within us, and vouchsafe us comfort and peace. And enable us to serve thee for the time to come with greater devotion and fervour, than we have sinned against thee with pleasure and delight; that being made partakers of thy holiness here, we may be admitted to the blessedness and glory of thy heavenly kingdom hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who in thine infinite wisdom didst appoint one day in seven as a season of repose for our weary bodies, and didst also hallow it for the sanctification of our souls; grant that we may devoutly observe the same, as a sign between thee and us of thy power and goodness in the creation of the world, and as a memorial of thy mercy and loving-kindness to us, in the resurrection from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we most humbly beseech thee, that we may so use these seasons of rest and public worship in this life, as finally to attain that eternal rest which remaineth for thy people in the life to come. Prepare us for the celebration of thy holy day, by setting our affections on things above, and as it is an emblem, may it also be to us a foretaste of heaven. May we banish from our minds the cares and anxieties of the world. May we frequent thy

temple with holy thoughts and pious resolutions. May our devotions be undisturbed, either by the remembrance of our troubles or pleasures. May thy word enter into our hearts, and bring forth in us the fruits of good living; that being in some measure conformed to thy will, and striving to be holy as thou art holy, and perfect as thou art perfect, we may pass from sin to grace, from sorrow to joy, from death to life, from the misery and imperfection of this present state to the glorious inheritance of the children of light, through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, who gatherest thy flock out of all nations into the saving fold of one holy Catholic Church, which thou hast purchased by the precious blood of thy dear Son, and who in thy providence hast graciously ordained pastors therein to feed thy sheep; let thy continual pity cleanse and defend the same, and because without thee it cannot continue in safety, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness. Govern the minds of thy servants the bishops, that they may never lay hands suddenly on any man, but may always make a wise and faithful choice of fit and worthy persons to serve in the ministry of thy Church. Bless both them and their clergy with courage, and prudence, and

fatherly care to edify and guard the people committed to their charge. Bless also all the faithful with an humble, filial love, and due obedience for thy sake to those whom thou hast set over them in the Lord, and who watch for their souls as they that must give an account; that so the power of the gospel and the beauty of holiness daily increasing in thy Church, we may all come at last into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, by whose almighty power we have been preserved this day; by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night. Keep us from all disquieting thoughts and anxious cares, and grant us such peaceful and refreshing repose, as may fit us for the duties of the following day. And whether we sleep or wake, live or die, may we be thy servants and thy children; so that when the work of our life is done, we may rest from our labours and enter into the joy of our Lord. Grant this for the sake of our Advocate and Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

FOURTH WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

Psalm 48.

GREAT is the Lord, and highly to be praised in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth; upon the north side lieth the city of the great King; God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

For lo, the kings of the earth are gathered, and gone by together.

They marvelled to see such things; they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

Fear came there upon them; and sorrow, as upon a woman in her travail.

Thou shalt break the ships of the sea through the east wind.

Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; God upholdeth the same for ever.

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world's end; thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the

daughter of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

Walk about Sion, and go round about her; and tell the towers thereof.

Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses, that ye may tell them that come after.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: He shall be our guide unto death.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O Heavenly Father who didst translate the sacred rest of the Sabbath to this day, to make it a refreshment after labour, an interval of recruit to our feeble and wearied bodies, a constant return of thy solemn worship in the assemblies of the saints, and the house where thine honour dwelleth, and a figure and a pledge of that better rest hereafter, which still remaineth to the people of God; grant us so to use these days of rest and of public worship, in this life, that we fail not of a part in thy eternal rest, and in the continual hymns of angels and blessed spirits in the life to come.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst suffer death for our redemption, and on this day didst rise again for our justification, raise up our souls unto newness of life, and make us perfect in every good work.

O Holy Ghost, who didst also on this day descend in miraculous gifts on the apostles, leave us not comfortless, but sanctify and bless us with thy heavenly grace.

Most great and glorious God who lookest down from heaven, and fashionest the hearts of men, and considerest all their works; suffer not the vanities of this world to divert us from the duties in which we are about to be engaged, quicken our soul which cleaveth unto the dust, spiritualize our grovelling affections, and restrain the looseness and wanderings of our thoughts. Fill us with reverence and awe in thy immediate presence, and with apprehensions and feelings becoming the solemnity of thy worship and the holiness of thy house. Let our meditations be attended with suitable affections. Let all flesh be silent before thee. Let thy Spirit rest upon us, and let this season be improved sincerely and uprightly, with all our soul and strength, to thy honour and praise and our own unspeakable advantage, in the day when thou shalt judge the secrets of men's

hearts by Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

And O merciful Lord let the prayers and sacrifices of thy Holy Catholic Church which may this day be offered unto thee be graciously accepted. Accompany thine own institutions with thine own blessings. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness and let thy saints sing with joyfulness, and pardon all thy people who are not prepared according to the preparation of the sanctuary. Accept our supplications for all states and conditions of men. Give thy Son the heathen for his inheritance and the utmost parts of the earth for his possession. Prosper the endeavours of all those who are lawfully engaged in propagating thy truth throughout the world, that thy way may be known upon earth and thy saving health among all nations. Scatter the enemies of thy Church who delight in blood, bring back those who have strayed from thy fold, and grant that all who confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word and live in unity and godly love; devoutly serving thee in all good works, and adorning thy doctrine in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

¶ Or the following Litany may be used.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O God the Father, Creator of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier and Comforter of the faithful;

Have mercy upon us.

O Sacred Trinity, three persons and one God;

Have mercy upon us.

From the dangers most justly threatening our sins;

O Lord deliver us.

From levity, profaneness, and contempt of thy word and commandment;

O Lord deliver us.

From pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from coldness and formality in thy service; from fanaticism, presumption, and intolerant zeal;

O Lord deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; and from all blindness of mind and hardness of heart;

O Lord deliver us.

From proudly relying on our own private opinions, and contemning the authority of thy catholic Church;

O Lord deliver us.

From gluttony, drunkenness, and all the freedom of an undisciplined life;

O Lord deliver us.

That it may please thee to hasten the conversion of all among us who have gone astray, and re-unite them to the ancient faith and communion of thy Church;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee particularly to have mercy on our relations, benefactors, and friends, and open their eyes to see the beauty of thy truth, and their hearts to embrace it;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to comfort and strengthen thy servants, who in any way suffer for the primitive faith; and not to permit the weakest of us, by any temptation, to fall away from thee and thy truth;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to assist with thy special grace those faithful pastors who labour in season and out of season, and expose their lives for the salvation of their flock, and daily increase in them the fire of thy love;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to preserve the members of thy Church from all sin and scandal, and so to adorn our lives with thy grace,

that our enemies seeing our good works may glorify thee our Father in heaven;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to enlighten the minds of all who are perverted by error, presumption, and pride, and to lead them back into the way of truth;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it would please thee mercifully to bring to our remembrance the tears of the afflicted and the labours of thy saints, who spent their lives and suffered death to convert the world to thy faith, and thus still, as of old, to make the blood of the martyrs the seed of the Church;

We beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, whose judgments are righteous, and counsels unsearchable, who visitest the iniquities of the parents upon the children, to the third and fourth generation, and yet at length rememberest mercy; forgive, we beseech thee, the sins of our forefathers,

and turn away thy wrath from their posterity. Deliver the ignorant from being seduced by false teachers, and the learned from being abused by their passions, and the whole nation from the spirit of contradiction, licentiousness and discord; that instead of so many divisions and changes in religion under which they labour, they may at length be restored to that unity of mind, steadiness of faith, and tranquillity of conscience, which is nowhere to be sought but in the communion of thy Church, nor possible to be found but by the conduct of thy grace: and this we ask for the sake of the Author and Finisher of our faith, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O ETERNAL GOD, who in the great deluge of heresy and schism which is so widely spread over the face of this land, hast vouchsafed to select a small number for thyself, and save them in thy holy ark from the general inundation; we praise and glorify thy infinite goodness, by which alone we enjoy the comfort of a firm and settled belief, free from inconstancy, disquietude, and doubt. Make us sensible, O Lord, of these thy unspeakable blessings, that, as we know thee by a sure faith, we may love thee with a perfect charity, and, fixing all our

hopes on the joys of the future life, patiently suffer what thou permittest here, and still press on to what thou promisest hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Sunday Evening.

Psalm 121.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper; the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 122.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgment, even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O MOST holy and merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, but hast graciously promised to all those who confess and forsake their sins, perfect remission and forgiveness; we, miserable offenders, in a deep sense of our own unworthiness and an humble dependence on thy mercy and truth, prostrate ourselves at the footstool of thy grace, confessing

and bewailing our manifold trangressions of thy righteous laws. We acknowledge, O Lord, that we have frequently and grievously sinned by our evil thoughts, our vain and idle words, our sensual and ungodly deeds, which we from time to time have committed against thee. We have resisted the checks of our own conscience, and transgressed the precepts of thy holy laws. We have too often been remiss and negligent in thy service, impure and unhallowed in thy sanctuary, heedless and inattentive to thy word, cold and heartless in our praises, dull, earthly, and distracted in our prayers; so that we have just reason to beg forgiveness of thee for the blemishes and imperfections in our holiest deeds. We lament our frailty, O God, and repent us of our sins. Lay not to our charge what we have done amiss or what we have omitted to do, but pardon it all, for the merits of our Advocate and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Behold O God, we humbly beseech thee, our humiliation and repentance for the negligences and offences of this day, and all the sins of our past life. Accept our hearty resolutions, in dependence on thy grace, of a fuller obedience for the time to come, and whatsoever good work thou hast begun in us, be graciously pleased to accomplish and perfect it unto the

day of the Lord Jesus. Thou knowest our weakness and the strength of the temptations which daily beset us. O leave us not to ourselves, but cover thou our head in the day of battle and make us more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Let not the terrors or allurements of the world, nor the deceitfulness of our own hearts, betray us again into sin, but grant that we may be stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, and finally obtain the crown of life which thou hast promised to them who are faithful unto death, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To our prayers, O Lord, we add our unfeigned thanks for all thy mercies. We bless and praise thee for making us capable of loving and serving thee, for bringing us to the knowledge of thy will, for vouchsafing us the means of grace and the hope of glory. We bless thee for the sense which thou hast given us of our duty towards thee, and for the strength and power by which we are enabled to perform it. We bless thee for thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations, and for thy goodness in pardoning our sins and receiving us to thy favour after all our abuse of thy mercies. Grant, we beseech thee, that we may henceforth

walk worthy of thine inestimable love, and live as becomes the ransomed of the Lord, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Advocate and Redeemer. *Amen.*

And since thou hast preserved us from the dangers of the day past, and been our support from our youth up even until now, take us, we beseech thee, under the shadow of thy wings, and keep us in safety, comfort, and peace. Let us remember thy name in the night season, and commune with our own hearts and search out our spirits, that we may rise again with purer minds and firmer resolutions to serve thee in all sober and godly conversation, through the grace and assistance of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Monday Morning.

Psalm 1.

BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful:

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side, that will bring forth his fruit in due season:

His leaf also shall not wither: and look, whatsoever he doeth it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them; but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment, neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O God the Father, Creator of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier and Comforter of the faithful;

Have mercy upon us.

O Sacred Trinity, three persons and one God;

Have mercy upon us.

Behold we were shapen in iniquity, and in sin did our mother conceive us;

Have mercy upon us.

As we have grown in years, we have multiplied the number of our offences; and every day thy goodness adds to our lives our wickedness increases the load of our transgressions;

Have mercy upon us.

The law in our members, warring against the law of our mind, brings us into captivity to the law of sin, so that the good which we would, we do not, and the evil which we would not, that we do;

Have mercy upon us.

We have sinned in the vain thoughts and unlawful desires of our hearts, in the idle talk

and perverse words of our mouth, in the wicked works and fruitless course of our lives;

Have mercy upon us.

We have sinned against thee by our ingratitude for thy blessings, and by our impatience under thy chastisements, by preferring ourselves and the satisfaction of our own inordinate appetites and desires before thee, and the observance of thy holy commandments;

Have mercy upon us.

We have sinned against others in not doing to them as we would have them do to us, and against our own souls, in pursuing more eagerly the things of this life than those which belong to our eternal felicity;

Have mercy upon us.

We have sinned in delaying our repentance, and breaking the solemn promises of amending our lives; in exposing ourselves to the danger of temptation, and to too often omitting the opportunities of serving thee; and even our best endeavors are full of imperfections;

Have mercy upon us.

We have sinned in not profiting as we ought by the talents of grace and nature, which thy bounty hath committed to us for our improvement, and idly spending that precious time and unthankfully neglecting those gracious means

which thy goodness allows us for the work of our salvation.

Have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and according to the multitude of thy mercies pardon the multitude of our offences. Remember that we are but as the grass of the field, or a vapour that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away. Remember what thou art; infinitely glorious in thyself, and infinitely good to the least of thy creatures. Remember thy gracious promises in Jesus Christ; and for the merits of his sacred passion, from all our sins,

O Lord deliver us.

From the evils of this present world; from war, pestilence, and famine; from all disastrous mischances in mind, body, or estate; from sudden death, and all thy other heavy judgments;

O Lord deliver us.

From the evils of the world to come; from the dreadful sentence of condemnation, and the chains of everlasting darkness; from the worm that dieth not, and the fire that shall never be quenched;

O Lord deliver us.

From the evil of sin, the only cause of all misery; from the temptations to which, by

nature or custom, we are most exposed; from ignorance of thy will, and neglect of what we know to be our duty;

O Lord deliver us.

From pride, covetousness, and hardness of heart; from intemperance, gluttony, and lust; from envy, hatred, and malice; from a slothful coldness in what concerns our salvation, and from those enormous sins that cry to heaven for vengeance;

O Lord deliver us.

From slander, rash judgment, and flattery; from self-love, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from stubbornness, and irreverence towards those that are above us; from the disdain and oppression of such as are below us; from the great guilt of inducing others to sin, and from the unhappiness of being perverted ourselves;

O Lord deliver us.

From error, heresy, and schism; from denying thee before men, for worldly respects; from new and factious interpretations of thy word; and from proudly preferring our private conceits before the judgments of thy Church, which is the witness and keeper of holy writ;

O Lord deliver us.

From relapsing into the sins of which we have repented, or contracting any customary habit of vice; from provoking thy justice by

presumption, or offending thy mercy by despair; from murmuring and repining against the orders of thy providence, and from an obstinate and impenitent heart;

O Lord deliver us.

In the first motions to sin, and the repeated assaults of any temptation; in time of our trial, when thou seemest to withdraw thy grace from us; in health and in prosperity; in sickness and adversity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment;

O Lord deliver us.

Hear us, O Father, in the name of thy Son.

Graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Monday Evening.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

My soul also is sore troubled: but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?

Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul; O save me, for thy mercies' sake:

For in death no man remembereth thee; and who will give thee thanks in the pit?

I am weary of my groaning: every night wash I my bed, and water my couch with my tears.

My beauty is gone for very trouble, and worn away because of all mine enemies.

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord; for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart? How long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death;

Lest mine enemv say, I have prevailed

against him: for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

But my trust is in thy mercy, and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me; yea, I will praise the name of the Lord most Highest

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who, for the many and grievous sins which we have committed against thee, mightest justly have cut us off in the midst of our days, but who in the multitude of thy mercies hast hitherto spared us; accept, we beseech thee, our unfeigned sorrow for all our transgressions. Grant that we may never so presume on thy mercy as to despise the riches of thy goodness, but that thy forbearance and long suffering may lead us to repentance and amendment of life, to thy honour and glory, and our final acquittance and absolution at the last day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

And here, O Lord, lamenting and abhorring from the very depth of our heart the iniquities of our past lives, we do solemnly avow and renew the promises which were made for us at our holy baptism; renouncing unfeignedly the vanities of this wicked world, the lusts of the flesh, and the suggestions of the devil. We turn ourselves unto thee, most gracious and merciful God, and do deliberately purpose and fully resolve to serve, honour, and obey thee forever hereafter; dedicating to thee our bodies with all their senses, our souls with all their faculties and powers, our hearts with all their affections and desires, our life, our health, and our strength; all that we are in the order of nature, and all that we are made in the order of grace. And we most humbly beseech thee, Almighty God, to confirm us in this stedfast resolution of forsaking our sins and amending our lives, earnestly praying that what thou hast given us the will and desire to resolve, thou wouldest give us grace and strength to perform, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of all things visible and invisible, source of all good, temporal and eternal, infinitely perfect in thyself and infinitely gracious and bountiful to us, we, thy unworthy servants,

who are the work of thy hands and redeemed by the blood of thy only Son, present ourselves before thee to offer up our most hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and our supplications and prayers for all conditions of men. We prostrate ourselves here before thee, and most humbly beseech thee to sanctify thy own most holy name, by sanctifying and exalting thy holy catholic Church throughout the world. O eternal King, who hast sent down thy only Son from thy throne above to establish a kingdom here on earth, from whence we might hereafter be translated to thy kingdom of glory; look down upon this kingdom of thy Son, and propagate it through all nations and all hearts, sanctify it through thy truth, maintain it in unity, holiness, and peace. Give to it saints for its rulers and chief pastors, enlighten them with heavenly wisdom, and make them men after thine own heart. Pour out upon all the clergy the continual dew of thy blessing, that they may zealously and effectually promote thy honour and the salvation of the souls committed to their charge. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and grant that their light may so shine before men, as that they may see their good works and glorify thee their Father in heaven.

Look down also with an eye of pity and compassion upon all those who have gone astray from the one fold of the one Shepherd Jesus Christ, and wandered from the way of truth and unity, into the bye-paths of heresy and schism. Bring them back into the bosom of thy Church; take off the veil from their eyes with which they are blinded; remove the prejudices of their education; soften and subdue their obstinacy, pride, and self-conceit; and give them an humble and docile spirit, a strong desire of finding out the truth, and such an abundant measure of thy grace, as may at length enable and dispose them cordially to embrace it: all which we ask, through the merits and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Tuesday Morning.

Psalm 112.

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord; he hath great delight in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness: he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

A good man is merciful, and lendeth, and will guide his words with discretion;

For he shall never be moved: and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

His heart is stablished, and will not shrink, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor, and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

The ungodly shall see it, and it shall

grieve him; he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O God, the Father of Heaven;

Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son;

Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God;

Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

Remember not Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sins; spare us, good Lord, spare thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Deliver us, O Lord; and in all our necessities, when we call on thee, in the name of

thy beloved Son, and for the merits of our only Saviour, Jesus Christ, who sits at thy right hand, to make intercession for sinners;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it would please thee to govern and defend thy catholic Church; to bless and preserve the Bishop of this Diocese, and all the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries; and to keep them in the unity of the faith and holiness of life;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it would please thee to endue all Christian rulers and magistrates with the spirit of wisdom, justice, and piety; and all who are under authority, with a true reverence for their superiors and cheerful obedience to their just commands, that all the world may live in the beauty of order, and the blessings of peace;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it would please thee to bring back into the union of thy Church, all those whom malice, passion, or interest have separated from her fold; and with a more particular tenderness, to compassionate all simple and unlearned people, who, by misinstruction, are seduced into error, and by unhappy education, settled in prejudice against thy truth;

We besesch thee to hear us.

That it would please thee to convert all

Jews, Turks, and Infidels, to thy holy faith, and all dissolute Christians to a virtuous life; that none of those whom thou hast made may perish, but that all the nations of the earth may adore thee here, and be happy with thee hereafter;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it would please thee to have compassion on the miseries of all thy creatures, and especially on such as suffer for conscience sake; let thy pity lighten their burdens, and thy grace strengthen their weakness; that every sad and dejected soul may either praise thee, for being released from its pressures, or be enabled to bear its crosses;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it would please thee to enlarge our hearts with true charity one towards another, to feed the hungry and clothe the naked; to visit the sick and comfort the distressed; to forgive our enemies and pray for our persecutors; and on all occasions to do good to every one according to our capacities;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it would please thee in thy own good time, to take into thy glory, all the faithful who live in thy grace; that as with patience they wait for the fulfilment of thy promises, they may at last, in a holy and blessed death, receive with gladness the deliverance of thy mercy;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it would please thee to open widely thy hand, and mercifully bestow on us the necessaries of this life, with grace so to use all thy temporal blessings, that we rest not in the convenience or pleasure proceeding from any of thy gifts; but apply them as instruments to promote our spiritual improvement, and to prepare us for thee and thy eternal joys;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That thou wouldest vouchsafe us the grace of knowing thee; that we may both fear thee, and hope in thee, as the absolute master of punishment and reward; that we may serve and worship thee, as the sovereign Lord of life and death; that we may love and praise thee, as a most indulgent Father and bountiful Benefactor;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That thou wouldest vouchsafe us the grace of knowing ourselves, that remembering we are but dust and ashes, and subject to a thousand infirmities, temptations, and sorrows, we may humble our proud thoughts, and sincerely acknowledge our own unworthiness; yet being created after thy image, and capable of eternal happiness, we may aspire after heaven, and value our souls, above all the transitory enjoyments of the earth;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That thou wouldest vouchsafe us thy grace, frequently to examine, and clearly to see the state of our conscience; humbly to confess, and earnestly to repent of our sins; carefully to avoid all occasions of relapse, and diligently to practise such virtues, as may most conduce to the cure of our infirmities;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That thou wouldest vouchsafe us the grace to keep a strict watch over our senses, lest they solicit our hearts to sin; to remember continually that thou art present, wheresoever we are, especially in prayer, that we may offer up the same with a reverent gesture of our bodies, and the devout attention of our minds;

We beeech thee to hear us.

That thou wouldest vouchsafe us the grace to attend with diligence to the duties of our calling, yet every day to set apart some time for thy service, and our soul's good; to live in peace and charity with all the world; freely forgiving their injuries to us, and readily making satisfaction for our trespasses against them;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That thou wouldest vouchsafe us the grace always to call to mind the end of our creation, and the vanity of the world; the shortness of our life, and the uncertainty of the hour of our

death; the misery of such as die in their sins, and the unspeakable joys of those who, departing in faith and hope, with their last breath give up their souls unto God;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That thou wouldest vouchsafe us the grace to live and die in the faith and communion of thy catholic Church, to enjoy the benefit of thy holy sacraments, and to participate in the prayers of all thy servants throughout the world;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That thou wouldest vouchsafe us the grace, in the last hour of our lives, willingly to render our bodies to the earth, from whence they came, and joyfully to return our spirits to thee who gavest them; that in the blissful vision of thy glory, we may for ever adore thy majesty; and in the happy company of thy saints and angels, for ever sing praises to thy name;

We beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord, hear our prayer, and let our cry come to thee.

Most gracious God, the fountain of all mercy and blessing, who desirest not the death of a sinner, nor despisest the tears of the penitent, favourably receive this free confession of our sins, and effectually move our hearts to a true contrition for all our offences, that, being pardoned the evils we have presumed to do, we may be delivered from the evils we deserve to suffer; and obtaining of thy bounty such graces as we petition for in our prayers, we may employ the short remainder of our days in a more perfect denial of our own corrupt inclinations, and more constant progress towards the enjoyment of thy glorious promises, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be upon us, and remain with us for ever. *Amen.*

Tuesday Evening.

Psalm 17.

HEAR the right, O Lord, consider my complaint, and hearken unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

Let my sentence come forth from thy presence, and let thine eyes look upon the thing that is equal.

Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the night season: thou hast tried me, and shalt find no wickedness in me; for I am utterly purposed that my mouth shall not offend.

Because of men's works that are done against the words of thy lips, I have kept me from the ways of the destroyer.

O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me: incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.

Show thy marvellous loving kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in thee, from such as resist thy right hand.

Keep me as the apple of an eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

From the ungodly, that trouble me; mine

enemies compass me round about, to take away my soul.

They are inclosed in their own fat, and their mouth speaketh proud things.

They lie waiting in our way on every side, turning their eyes down to the ground.

Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a lion's whelp lurking in secret places.

Up, Lord, disappoint him, and cast him down: deliver my soul from the ungodly, which is a sword of thine:

But as for me, I will behold thy presence in righteousness: and when I awake up after thy likeness, I shall be satisfied with it.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O Lord Jesus Christ, by whom all things were created in heaven and earth, who out of nothing hast made us in thine own image and likeness, and who hast redeemed us with thy most precious blood; favourably behold the sorrows and regard not the sins of thy wicked

and unfaithful servants. We come before thee like the publican, crying, with a broken and contrite heart, God be merciful to me a sinner. We fly to thee for succour, with the deepest humility and abasement, like the woman of Canaan, acknowledging our unworthiness, and satisfied with the crumbs that fall from thy table. Say unto us, as thou saidst to the meek and silent penitent who washed thy feet with her tears and wiped them with the hairs of her head; thy sins are forgiven thee. And oh, let us resemble her in her love as we do in her guilt. Remember us in thy kingdom as thou didst the thief on the cross, giving us thy pardon here, and hereafter a place with thee in paradise. For we acknowledge our faults and our sin is ever before us. O God, pardon all the wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed against thee. Thou who for us men and for our salvation didst come down from heaven, who raisedst up David after his fall, and pardonedst Peter after his repentance; forgive us also our manifold transgressions. Thou art our confidence and trust, our guide and support, our consolation and strength, our defence and deliverance; thou art the light of our paths, the joy of our souls, the resurrection and the life, the object of all our hopes and all our desires. Send us thy

help and we shall be safe; govern, defend, and strengthen us; fill our hearts with gladness and visit us with thy salvation. Hear us through thine own prevailing merits and effectual intercession, O most blessed Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Blessing, honour, adoration and praise be unto thee, O Almighty and most glorious Lord God, the High and Holy One who inhabitedst eternity, and who yet humblest thyself to behold what is done among the children of men.

Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their hosts, the earth and the sea and all things that are therein. Thou preservest them all, and the host of heaven worshippeth thee. Thousand thousands minister unto thee, ten thousand times ten thousand stand before thee. Angels, archangels, and all the celestial powers to thee continually do cry, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

For making us after thine own image and appointing so great a variety of creatures to minister to our use; for blessing us with fruit-

ful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness, and giving us all things richly to enjoy;

We praise and magnify Thee forever.

For giving us thine only begotten Son to die for our sins, for raising him from the dead, and exalting him to be a Prince and Saviour and the head over all things to the Church;

We praise and magnify Thee forever.

For the exceeding great love of our Master and only Saviour in thus dying for us, and in instituting and ordaining holy mysteries, as pledges of his love and for a continual remembrance of his death, to our great and endless comfort;

We praise and magnify Thee forever.

For thy continual preservation of the Church in truth, unity, and holiness by the gifts and graces of thy Spirit; for the steadiness of faith and peace of conscience which we enjoy, by relying on her authority; and for shedding abroad the love of God into our hearts, and comforting us in all our temporal distresses with the hope of eternal felicity;

We praise and magnify Thee forever.

For the particular benefits bestowed upon us, and the many dangers from which thou hast defended us; for our health, our education, and the comforts and advantages of our condi-

tion and state of life; for our daily bread and all thy other temporal blessings;

We praise and magnify Thee forever.

For the checks of our own conscience and the motions of thy Holy Spirit; for thy patience with us in waiting for our repentance and for the opportunities which thou offerest us of amending our lives; for our frequent deliverances from the occasions of sin, and for all thy other spiritual blessings;

We praise and magnify Thee forever.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens, and thy glory above all the earth.

Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord; yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

Praise the Lord O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgiveth all thy sin and healeth all thine infirmities.

Thus will I magnify the Lord all my life long, and lift up my hands to his holy throne.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O Lord hear my prayer;
And let my cry come unto thee.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, graciously accept this humble tribute of praise and thanksgiving from the hands of thy servants, and mercifully grant, that the frequent meditation of thine infinite goodness may constrain our hearts to love thee above all things, and the serious consideration of thy incomprehensible Majesty bring our understandings in subjection to the obedience of faith; that we may here in reverence to thy word believe what we do not see, and hereafter in the blissful vision of thy glory see more than we now believe, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, who with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever liveth and reigneth one God world without end. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Wednesday Morning.

Psalm 27.

THE LORD is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in thee.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require, even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall he lift up mine head above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an

oblation, with great gladness: I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee; have mercy upon me, and hear me.

My heart hath talked of thee. Seek ye my face: thy face, Lord, will I seek.

O hide not thou thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succour, leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord taketh me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries: for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

I should utterly have fainted, but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

O tarry thou the Lord's leisure; be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O God the Father, Creator of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier and Comforter of the faithful;

Have mercy upon us.

O Sacred Trinity, three persons and one God;

Have mercy upon us.

O Jesus, son of the living God, and most blessed Son of the Virgin Mary, God and man, in two natures, but one Christ;

Have mercy upon us.

O Jesus, the brightness of thy Father's glory and the express image of his person; the beauteous ray of eternal light; God of God, light of light;

Have mercy upon us.

O Jesus, the increated Wisdom by whom all things are governed, the eternal word, made man for our redemption;

Have mercy upon us.

O Jesus, most glorious and powerful, most humble and meek, most patient and obedient;

holy, harmless and undefiled; the lover of poverty, and lover of peace;

Have mercy upon us.

O Jesus, the lover of us ungrateful sinners, who camest down from heaven to teach us with thy own sacred mouth, the truths of salvation;

Have mercy upon us.

O Jesus, who didst converse so long on earth, to show us by thy own holy example the way to heaven;

Have mercy upon us.

O Jesus, who diedst even the death of the cross, to take off our aversion from suffering, and teach us to endure all things for our everlasting happiness;

Have mercy upon us.

O Jesus, who didst ascend into heaven, to confirm our belief and raise our affections to the sure joys of eternity;

Have mercy upon us.

O Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, the supreme object of our love, and end of all our hopes and desires, God blessed for ever;

Have mercy upon us.

From all evil, from all sin, and from everlasting death;

O Lord deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy incarnation and humble birth; by the sanctity of thy heavenly doctrine, and miraculous life; by the merits of thy bitter passion and all reviving death;

O Lord deliver us.

By the joys of thy victorious resurrection, and triumphant ascension; by the glory of thy eternal kingdom; by thy incomprehensible majesty at the right hand of the Father; and by thy perpetual and prevailing intercession for us;

O Lord deliver us; and in all our necessities, we beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to protect and govern thy holy Church, which thou hast purchased with thy precious blood;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That looking continually on thy admirable life, we may faithfully endeavour to follow thy steps;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That denying all vicious and inordinate inclinations, we may live soberly, righteously, and piously; and that through thy love, the world may be crucified to us, and we to the world;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That whatever we ask in thy holy name, we may receive through thy infinite merits;

We beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

Every day will we adore thy perfections, O Lord, and magnify thy mercies; that every day we may increase in thy love.

All that we have and all that we are, we received from thy grace.

All we desire and hope, we expect in thy glory.

Almighty and most merciful Saviour, the light of this world and glory of the next; vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to enlighten our understanding, and influence our will, and sanctify all the faculties of our souls, that whilst with our lips we offer up these prayers, we may inwardly with our hearts adore thy person, and admire thy goodness, and conform our lives to thy holy example; till at length, by frequent meditation on the bliss which thou hast prepared for us hereafter, we may break off our affections from all inordinate attachment to this world, and place them supremely on the enjoyment of thee in thy heavenly kingdom; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost,

ever livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, descend upon us and remain with us for ever. *Amen.*

Wednesday Evening.

Psalm 71.

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion, but rid me, and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Be thou my strong hold, whereunto I may always resort: thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence, and my castle.

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man:

For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for: thou art my hope, even from my youth.

Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: my praise shall be always of thee.

I am become as it were a monster unto many, but my sure trust is in thee.

O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

Cast me not away in the time of age; forsake me not when my strength faileth me;

For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take their counsel together, saying, God hath forsaken him; persecute him, and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

Go not far from me, O God; my God, haste thee to help me.

Let them be confounded and perish, that are against my soul; let them be covered with shame and dishonour, that seek to do me evil.

As for me, I will patiently abide always, and will praise thee more and more.

My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation; for I know no end thereof.

I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God, and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now; therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am grey-headed, until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

All thy creatures, even though inanimate, cease not, O God, to bless and praise thee. The heavens declare thy glory and the firmament showeth thy handy work. One day telleth another, and one night certifieth another; proclaiming with their voices throughout the world thy greatness and power. And shall we, whom thou hast created in thine own image and crowned with glory and honour, ever forget our Creator, our Benefactor, and unchangeable Friend, and refuse thee our love, our gratitude, our adoration and praise? And yet O Lord, we are constrained to confess with humiliation and shame, that we have hitherto most lamentably failed in the most essential of all our duties. We have been occupied with the world, its creatures, its possessions, its honours and pleasures, not thinking at all or but rarely and faintly of the Author of our life and salvation. Penetrated, O Lord, with grief at the remembrance of our negligence and guilt, we most earnestly resolve, in reliance on thy help, to serve and please thee for the time to come in newness of life. During the remainder of the days which thou shall be pleased to grant us in this land of exile, we will study to glorify

thee O Lord our God, to acknowledge thy goodness, to exalt thy greatness, to proclaim thy mercies, to redeem the time which we have hitherto mispent, and to correct the errors of a sinful and prevaricating world. And thus we will hope O blessed Lord God, that thou wilt show us thy mercy and grant us thy grace, and that after having glorified thee in time thou wilt glorify us in eternity, through the merits and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Lord, what return can we render to thee for all thy benefits? Thou hast honoured us by making us but little lower than the angels, and by putting all things under our feet. Thou hast honoured us by placing us in a world so full of glory and beauty, and by promising us a nobler building not made with hands eternal in the heavens. Thou hast honoured us when we were only deserving of condemnation and shame, in not sparing thy well-beloved Son, but delivering him up for us all, that we might be exalted to life everlasting. O grant that we may be sensible of the dignity of our calling and walk as becometh the children of light. But it is not in our own constancy nor in our own power that we hope and rely, but only in thee our God and Saviour. We look unto

thee, as the Author of all good, for all those gifts and blessings which are needful for us both in time and eternity. We look to thee for our daily bread, and for that which refresheth and strengtheneth the soul. We wait for the succour of thy grace in our dangers and wants. We trust in thy mercy for the pardon of our sins, the consolation of a happy death, and the bliss of a glorious eternity. On thy promises we rest, relying on thine unchangeable faithfulness to fulfil them, and thy almighty power to enable thee to perform them. Grant then, O Lord, as we put our full confidence in thy mercy and our hope in thy word, we may receive the end of our hope, the salvation of our souls, through the merits of our Advocate and Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Thursday Morning.

Psalm 30.

I WILL magnify thee, O Lord; for thou hast set me up, and not made my foes to triumph over me.

O Lord, my God, I cried unto thee; and thou hast healed me.

Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell: thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his; and give thanks unto him, for a remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life; heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed; thou, Lord, of thy goodness hadst made my hill so strong.

Thou didst turn thy face from me, and I was troubled.

Then cried I unto thee, O Lord; and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit?

Shall the dust give thanks unto thee? or shall it declare thy truth?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; Lord, be thou my helper.

Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy; thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladnes:

Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing: O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O God the Father, Creator of the World;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier, Perfecter, and Comforter of the faithful;

Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God;

Have mercy upon us, and hearken to our prayer.

That we may devoutly adore the mystery of our Saviour's incarnation, and freely offer ourselves to Him who freely gave himself for us;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That we may for ever bless and magnify the grace and condescension of our Lord, in humbling himself to be born of a virgin, and after having overcome the sharpness of death, in opening the kingdom of heaven to all believers;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That for the merits of his passion our sins may be pardoned, and by his prevailing intercession our imperfect services be graciously accepted.

We beseech thee to hear us.

That the great and holy name of thee our Creator, may be sanctified by us on earth, as it is by the spirits of the blessed in heaven;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That living in thy fear, we may enjoy thy blessing here, and dying in thy favour, be made partakers of thy promises in the world to come;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That we may faithfully observe thy law written in our hearts, and not presume to abuse the grace of thy gospel by continuing in sin;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That we may adore thy goodness in sending

thy Son into the world to redeem us, and so carefully prepare to meet him when he shall come again to judge us, as to receive the crown of righteousness which he shall then give to all them that love his appearing;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That we may always behave ourselves as in thy presence, carefully endeavouring to fulfil thy laws, and thankfully acknowledging the wonders of thy power;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That we may never offend thee for fear of man, nor lose our own soul to gain the whole world;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That we may profitable employ the gifts of grace and nature, which thou hast bestowed upon us, to the advancing of thy glory, and the obtaining of our own eternal felicity;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That mortifying all sensual and inordinate desires, we may set our thoughts and affections on things above;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That remembering thine only Son was given unto us, not only as a sacrifice for sin, but also an ensample of godly life, we may daily endeavour to follow his blessed steps;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That knowing thou hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord, we may also be endued with grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, as finally to come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee;

We beseech thee to hear us.

And now, O Sovereign Lord and merciful Redeemer, trusting in thine all sufficient merits, we presume to come boldly before the throne of thy majesty, and to address our prayers to thee, to whom, equally with the Father and the Spirit, all prayer is due.

Jesus, eternal Son of the living God, and most blessed Son of the Virgin Mary;

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, God and man, two natures, yet but one Christ, the glory of heaven, and joy of the earth;

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, king of patriachs, and light of the prophets; master of the apostles, and the fortitude of the martyrs; the sanctity of confessors, and the purity of saints; the crown of the just made perfect in heaven, and the only hope of thy servants on earth;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

¶ This is to be said by the person conducting the worship and all the members of the family together.

It is meet and right, O Lord, not only to trust in thy mercy, but to give thanks unto thee for thy great glory. Therefore with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name: with that great multitude which no man can number of all nations, and kindred, and people, and tongues, who stand before thee clothed with white robes and palms in their hands, we joyfully unite; crying with a loud voice, and saying, salvation to our God and the Lamb: with the angels who stand around thee, and the elders who fall on their faces before thy throne, we praise and worship thee, saying Amen: Blessing and glory, and wisdom and thankgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Thursday Evening.

Psalm 39.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I offend not in my tongue.

I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle, while the ungodly is in my sight.

I held my tongue, and spake nothing: I kept silence, yea, even from good words; but it was pain and grief to me.

My heart was hot within me: and while I was thus musing the fire kindled, and at the last I spake with my tongue:

Lord, let me know my end, and the number of my days, that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity;

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences, and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

I became dumb, and opened not my mouth; for it was thy doing.

Take thy plague away from me; I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.

When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment: every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears.

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

Almighty and most merciful Father but strict and righteous Judge to all obstinate and impenitent sinners, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have com-

mitted in thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We have sinned; and what shall we say unto thee thou Preserver of men? We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Thou who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live, have mercy upon us. Spare and restore us who in all humility confess our faults and are heartily sorry for them. Have regard to thy blessed Son Jesus Christ, who is our advocate with thee, O Father, and the propitiation for our sins. For his sake grant us true repentance and the assistance of thy Holy Spirit. And enable us hereafter to please thee in all things, that denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and living soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, we may come at last to thy eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GRACIOUS and merciful God, who givest power and strength to the feeble, who knowest our backwardness and aversion to spiritual duties, who understandest all our wants and art acquainted with all our weaknesses, who

seest our unwillingness to have our conversation in heaven, and the excuses made by the flesh to hinder the mind from frequent addresses to thy mercy-seat; apply, we beseech thee, thy healing hand to our sickly souls. O strengthen these feeble knees; hold up these weary hands. Touch our unruly will with thy sceptre that it may bow to thy commands, and erect thy throne in our hearts. Manifest thy power in our weakness. Give us firmness to resolve, and grace to accomplish the purposes we have formed. When we faint, O Lord, support us; when we grow weary, revive us; when we would go back, enable us to press on toward the mark of our high calling; when we fall, let thy angels bear us up in their hands. O thou that hast done great things for us, marvellous things without number, who through all the stages of life hast protected us by thy providence and defended us by thy grace, who hast carried us on thy wings as the eagle doth her young; leave us not nor forsake us, but strengthen our faith and enliven our hope, that we may endure temptations, and when we are tried may receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love thee, through the merits and mediation of the same Jesus Christ our Advocate and Redeemer. *Amen.*

O God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, accept our praise and thanksgiving which we offer unto thee for all the mercies and benefits from time to time vouchsafed to us; for our health and strength, our comfort and peace, our civil privileges, our social enjoyments, and all the blessings of this life; but more especially for Jesus Christ, the Fountain of all, for his conception, birth, and circumcision; for his baptism, fasting, and temptation; for his holy and most exemplary life; for his bitter, cruel, and yet patient and meritorious death; for his glorious resurrection and ascension; for the coming of the Holy Ghost the eternal Comforter upon the apostles on the day of Pentecost, and from that time, for the constitution of a Catholic and Apostolic Church which is to continue to the end of the world. And we beseech thee, O Lord, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Friday Morning.

Psalm 65.

THOU, O God, art praised in Sion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee; he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation; thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea, and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens, thou that makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; thou makest it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water: thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and thy clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness, and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep; the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O God the Father, eternal Fountain of all being, who hast chosen us in thy Son, before the creation of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

Thou who didst so love the world, as to give thy only begotten Son to redeem it; who hast adopted us to be thy children in Jesus Christ; and who hast prepared for us a glorious inheritance, if we love thee, and keep thy commandments;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Eternal Word of the Father, who, to save us sinners, didst take upon thee the frail nature of man;

Have mercy upon us.

Thou, who for our redemption becamest obedient unto death, even the death of the cross; to whom all power is given by the Father in heaven and earth; and who, at the last and dreadful day, wilt come with glory to judge the living and the dead;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, by whom was wrought the glorious mystery of our Saviour's incarnation;

Have mercy upon us.

Thou, who art the free Dispenser of all graces, and faithful Comforter in all our afflictions; the Enlightener of our understandings, and Sanctifier of our wills; the pledge of our adoption, and seal of our salvation;

Have mercy upon us.

O Sacred Trinity, three persons and one God, of equal glory and co-eternal majesty; from whom, by whom, and in whom are all things; and to whom all the angels and saints of heaven continually sing, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts;

Have mercy upon us.

Blessed for ever be thy name, eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the immensity of thy power, which at first created all things of nothing, and still preserves them that they return not again to nothing;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

For thy infinite goodness, in making us after thy own image, and appointing all the rest of thy creatures to serve us;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

For the riches of thy bounty, which filleth everything according to its capacity; and for the wisdom of thy counsels, which sweetly dispose and irresistibly govern the whole frame of the world;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

For thy provident forewarning us against the danger of sin, by threatening hell to our offences, and for thy graciously inviting us to our own happiness, by promising heaven as a reward to our obedience;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

For the eternal charity wherewith thou loved'st us before the world began, and mercifully decreed'st to redeem us by thy Son;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

And blessed be thou, O Jesus, Son of God, and Saviour of mankind.

For thy infinite glory in thyself, and thy infinite love towards us;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

For thy miraculous conception by the Holy Ghost, and thy humble birth from the blessed Virgin;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

For thy meek subjection to thy parents, in the meanest offices of a private life; and for thy condescension to the form of a servant, though thou wert Lord of all;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

For thy fasting and retirement in the desert; for thy mildness and benignity in conversation; for thy heavenly doctrine and glorious miracles;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

For the compassionate tears which thou sheddest over Jerusalem; for the humble washing of thy disciples' feet, and for the gracious institution of the blessed sacrament;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

For thy agony and bloody sweat in the garden of Gethsemane; for thy entire self-denial, and absolute submission, not only to the will of thy Father, but even to that of thy enemies;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

For thy incomparable patience, in the violence and outrages of thy persecutors against thy sacred person; for thy wonderful silence whilst they falsely accused and unjustly condemned thy innocence;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

For thy perfect resignation whilst they shamefully stripped thee, and cruelly scourged thee; for thy admirable meekness whilst they crowned thee with thorns, and forced thee to carry thy cross, which was laden with the sins of the whole world;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

For thy immovable constancy whilst they fastened thee on the cross, piercing thy blessed hands and feet with nails, and giving thee vinegar and gall to drink?

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

For the infinite compassion and forbearance of thy spirit, in excusing their sin, and praying thy Father to forgive them, even in the extremity of thy tortures;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

For thy glorious resurrection from the grave, and triumphant ascension into heaven; for sending the Holy Ghost to abide with thy Church for ever, and promising to be with us thyself to the end of the world;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

And blessed be thou, O God the Holy Ghost, who proceedest from the Father and the Son.

For thy continual preservation of the Church, in truth, unity, and holiness; for the steadiness of faith, and peace of conscience which we experience by relying on her authority, as the witness and keeper of Holy Writ; for the due administration of thy sacraments, and the abundant means of grace and salvation which we so happily enjoy in her blessed communion; for shedding abroad the love of God in our hearts, and comforting us in all our temporal distresses with the hope of eternal felicity;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

Blessed for ever be thy name, O sacred Trinity.

For the infinite dignity of thy essence, and unspeakable majesty of thy glory, existing of thyself from all eternity, and perfectly happy in thyself, for ever;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

With our whole heart and with our mouth, we confess, praise, and bless thee, God the Father everlasting; thee, the only begotten Son; thee, the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; the Holy and undivided Trinity; to thee be glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Vouchsafe more especially, O most blessed Saviour and Redeemer, to have compassion on us, and on all those who shall humbly present these petitions to the throne of thy mercy, in commemoration of thy sacred life and bitter passion. And we beseech thee, for thy own dear sake, grant to us, our friends, and benefactors, and to all those for whom we are bound to pray, the pardon of past offences and preservation from future failings; that, serving thee faithfully, loving thee fervently, and obeying thee perseveringly, during the whole remainder of our earthly pilgrimage, we may come at last to enjoy thy beatifying presence for all eternity in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

The blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be upon us, and remain with us all for evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Evening.

Psalm 90.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction: again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday; seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them, they are even as a sleep, and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee, and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

But who regardeth the power of thy wrath? for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last, and be gracious unto thy servants.

O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us; and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Show thy servants thy work, and their children thy glory.

And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of thy hands upon us; O prosper thou our handy work.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

To thee O Lord God Almighty, are most justly due all glory, worship, adoration, and praise. We humble ourselves in thy presence who are but dust and ashes, and who are only deserving of punishment and shame. But sinners as we are, we are nevertheless thy servants. Despise not then the work of thy hands, but receive us as the compassionate father received the returning prodigal. We are unclean, but if thou wilt thou canst purify us; we are blind, but thou canst enlighten us; sick, but thou canst heal us; cold and lifeless in spiritual things, but thou canst revive us. O God, consider not our unworthiness but thine own gracious declaration, that thou willest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live. Deal not with us then according to the multitude of our offences, but according to thine own unbounded compassion, and have mercy upon us. In the remembrance of thine inestimable love to us in the redemption of the world, and the unspeakable abasement to which thy Son stooped for our sakes, we prostrate ourselves in humility and gratitude at thy feet. And hence-

forward, we desire to depend on thee alone, to conform ourselves to thy holy will, and to submit ourselves entirely to thy divine providence, according to the designs of thy mercy towards us. Receive then, O Lord, the body and spirit which thou hast given us, our soul, our life, and all that we are, to govern and dispose of them as thou wilt. Accept the offering and sanctify it, for the sake of our most blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

We know, O God, that no unclean thing can enter into thy kingdom. O wash us and make us white in the blood of the Lamb, that when we go hence we may be made worthy to stand before thy throne.

O blessed High Priest, who art able to save all them to the uttermost who come unto God by thee, save us, we beseech thee, who have no hope but in thy merits and intercession.

O Captain of our salvation, who wert made perfect through sufferings, sanctify to us, we beseech thee, all the pains of body and all the terrors of mind which thou shalt at any time permit to fall upon us.

O Lord of life and glory, who didst humble thyself and become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, for us miserable sinners,

let the pain and ignominy of thine, take away the sting and bitterness of our own.

O Holy Spirit, let thy comfortable presence support us under all our sufferings, and when our last agonies are coming on us and the sorrows of death are compassing us about, consider and hear us, O Lord our God. Draw nigh unto our soul and make thy face to shine upon us. Let us rejoice in approaching the haven where we would be. Let us reach out with eagerness to the prize before us, for which we have so long been running. Let us feel and realize that we are passing from darkness to light, from poverty to riches, from battle to victory, from sorrow to joy, from temporal to everlasting life.

Guide us, O Lord, by thy counsel while we live, and give thine angels charge over us to stand about us when we come to die, and let them conduct us unto thy holy hill, the habitation of light and peace, of joy and gladness; unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem; and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly of the first-born which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant; there to reign with thine elect angels, thy blessed saints

departed, thy holy prophets and glorious apostles, in all peace, happiness, and honour forever and ever. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Saturday Morning.

Psalm 34.

I WILL alway give thanks unto the Lord; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me; and let us magnify his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me; yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto him, and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him; yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste, and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints; for they that fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that lusteth to live, and would fain see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips that they speak no guile.

Eschew evil, and do good; seek peace, and ensue it.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers.

The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

Great are the troubles of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

He keepeth all his bones, so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly; and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants; and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O God the Father, Creator of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, the Perfecter and Comforter of the faithful;

Have mercy upon us.

O Sacred Trinity, three Persons and one God;

Have mercy upon us.

Form the shades of eternal death, where, if driven from thy presence, we shall for ever be deprived of the light of thy countenance;

Deliver us, good Lord.

From the intolerable evils, to which our imperfections in this world have exposed us in the other;

Deliver us, good Lord.

From thy anger and wrath, which [now, though late,] we grieve to have provoked by onr negligence and guilt;

Deliver us, good Lord.

Form the bonds of sin. wherein we are en-

tangled by the disorder of our affections, and the powerful influence of custom and habit;

Deliver us, good Lord.

O Christ, hear us and have mercy upon us.

By the multitude of thy mercies, which have always been so tenderly exerted towards the frailties of thy creatures;

We beseech thee to hear us.

By the infinite merits of thy death upon the cross, where thou didst reconcile the world to thy Father;

We beseech thee to hear us.

By thy glorious resurrection from the grave, when thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers;

We beseech thee to hear us.

By thy triumphant ascension into heaven, when thou didst lead captivity captive, and promise to prepare a place for thy servants;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it would please thee to wash us from our sins, and to shorten our sorrows in this valley of misery and tears; to admit us, pure and spotless through thy blood, into thy holy sanctuary where no unclean thing can enter; and to crown our long-cherished hopes with everlasting fruition;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That the blessed vision of thee our Saviour,

whom having not seen we have nevertheless loved, may fill us with joy unspeakable, and the glorious light of the Lamb may shine upon us for ever;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That we may unite with angels and archangels, in singing hymns of praise for their ever new and never ending felicity;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That we may unite with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs, and all the spirits of the just made perfect, in celebrating thy mercies, who, out of every kindred, tongue, and people, hast redeemed us unto God by thy most precious blood;

We beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, who wilt come with glory to judge the living and the dead;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, at whose presence the earth shall be moved, and the heavens melt away;

Deliver us from thy wrath.

O Lamb of God, in whose book of life are written all the names of thy chosen;

Grant that ours may be found with those of thy saints.

Deliver us, O Lord, and all thy faithful in that day of terror, when the sun shall be dark-

ened, and the moon shall not give her light; when the stars shall fall from heaven, and the tribes of the earth shall mourn; when every eye shall see thee, and they also which pierced thee, and all, who have died in their sins shall wail at thy coming;

Deliver us, O Lord, in that dreadful day; and place us with the blessed at thy right hand for ever.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of the just made perfect, and in whose holy keeping are the souls of all those who depart hence in thy grace; as we bless thee for the saints already admitted to thy glory, so we humbly offer up our prayers for thy afflicted servants still in the flesh, who continually wait and sigh for the day of their deliverance. Pardon their sins, supply their unpreparedness, and wipe away the tears from their eyes, that they may at length see thee face to face, and in thy glorious light eternally rejoice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Saturday Evening.

Psalm 116.

I AM well pleased that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;

That he hath inclined his ear unto me; therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The snares of death compasssed me round about, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled: I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord, for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord:

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant, and the son of thy handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house; even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem, Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

O God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; we tremble at the thought that all our transgressions, which we would even hide from ourselves, are naked and open in thy sight.

But lamenting our ingratitude and trusting in thy mercy, we prostrate ourselves before thee, and earnestly implore the forgiveness of our sins. We acknowledge, O Lord, that we have gone far astray from thee by our iniquities, and most justly deserve to be cast from thy presence. But what in our own unworthiness we dare not to ask, we humbly look for through the merits of thy Son. We hear and accept the gracious invitation, come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will refresh you. We come unto thee, Lord, according to thy word, we confidently rely on the faithfulness of thy promises, we run unto thee as an inviolable asylum where we hope to find the assurance of our salvation and the remission of our sins. We come unto thee to protest again, sincerely and forever, our fidelity to thy service; to renew the covenant which we made with thee in baptism, and which we have so often and shamefully broken; and to promise hereafter, in dependence on thy grace, to shun all the occasions of sin and to walk before thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, through the same Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

And what shall we render unto thee O God, for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us?

For the innumerable benefits which we have received at thy hands? Thou hast freely given to us all that we are and all that we have. Thou hast created us in thine own image, preserved us to this hour, redeemed us by the sufferings and death of thy dear Son, and washed us from our iniquities in his precious blood. Thou hast relieved us in our necessities, rescued us from dangers, pardoned us in our sins, and loaded us with favours. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory and goodness, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. We adore thee for thy Son Jesus Christ manifested in the flesh to destroy the works of the devil, and who is the fountain of all the mercies both temporal and spiritual which thou hast so bountifully bestowed on thy unworthy creatures. We adore thee for the gift of the Holy Ghost the Comforter, who hath sanctified and sealed us unto the day of redemption; who with thee and thine only begotten Son, ever liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and whose mercy is over all thy works, look graciously upon this State and Diocese in which we live. Send down the dews of heaven

to fertilize our fields, restrain excessive rains, and keep off blight, mildew, or any other disaster which may injure the fruits of the earth. Remove far from us plague, pestilence, and famine, and all contagious diseases and public wants. Increase the number of thy zealous worshippers, banish sacrilege, profanation, irreverence and lukewarmness from thy sanctuary, and everywhere revive virtue and piety among thy people. Save thy servants, O Lord, who put their trust in thee, and bless those whom thou hast chosen for thine inheritance. Give them thy grace in this world and thy glory in the next. Thou who art the Comforter of the distressed, the Father of the fatherless, the Judge of the widow, and the Protector of the faithful, have pity upon those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; give them patience under their sufferings and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. Cast a favourable eye, O Lord, upon thy Spouse the Holy Catholic Church, and grant that she may be without spot or wrinkle, or any blemish on her beauty and glory. Destroy the power of those who assail, and subdue the pride of those who persecute her. Put an end to heresy and schism, enlighten the eyes of the blind, make known thy truth to those who are in darkness and error, and bring back all who have strayed

from thy fold. And finally, O Lord, have mercy upon all men: give repentance to sinners, strength to the feeble-minded, and perseverance to the just. And as thy blessed Son hath died for us all, so unite us all with thee and one another by the bonds of charity on earth, and in an everlasting communion in heaven, through the merits of the same, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

A PRAYER TO BE USED BY A CHILD.

O Lord my God, who dwellest in heaven, but yet beholdest all things that are done upon earth, and who by thy blessed Son hast invited little children to come unto thee, accept, I beseech thee, the praises which I now offer unto thee, and mercifully hear my prayers. Thou art my Creator; for thou hast made us, and not we ourselves. I thank thee, therefore, O Heavenly Father, for the gift of life, and for the comforts and enjoyments with which thou hast blessed it. Thou art my Preserver, by whose watchful providence I am kept from the dangers with which I am surrounded. My safety, my health and happiness, are all owing to thy gracious and fatherly care. O may I be duly thankful to thee for thy mercy and protection every hour that I live. Above all, I bless and praise thee, O Lord, for thine unspeakable love in sending thine only Son into the world to die for our offences, and to save us from sin and eternal death. Enable me to live as I ought to live, in the remembrance of thy great goodness towards us. Make me so to guard my

heart and govern my conduct, that whatever I think and whatever I do, may be pleasing and acceptable in thy sight.

And grant, O Lord, that I may be careful in all my behaviour towards men. Make me dutiful and loving to my parents, kind and affectionate to my brothers and sisters, obedient and respectful to my pastors and teachers, modest, humble, and gentle in all my intercourse with my companions and friends. Grant that I may be pure in my thoughts, true in my words, and holy and unblameable in all my deeds; that keeping a conscience void of offence, I may live in favour with thee and in honour among men, and at last be received into thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Chist our Lord. *Amen.*

BY A YOUNG PERSON.

O BLESSED and eternal God, I render unto thee praise and glory for thy great mercy to me, in giving me birth in a christian land, and not allotting me a portion with those who are still sitting in darkness and the shadow of death. More especially I thank thee, that thou didst bless me with a pious mother whose heart was sanctified by thy grace, whose mouth was opened in wisdom, whose tongue was governed

by the law of kindness, and who, in gentleness and love hath unceasingly endeavoured to bring me up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. I thank thee that thou didst incorporate me in baptism into thy holy Church, that thou didst admit me to all the privileges of thy covenant, and that being regenerated and made thy child by adoption and grace, thou didst daily renew me by thy Holy Spirit. I thank thee that thou didst bless me with the opportunity, and inspire me with the inclination, to ratify my vows in confirmation; and that thou hast given me a good and comfortable hope that I may continue thine for ever. I confess, O Lord, with shame and confusion of face, that I have not had a due sense of thine unspeakable mercies, nor made a suitable improvement of the means of grace, with which I have been so abundantly blessed. I have too often broken the promises made in my behalf, and which were afterwards confirmed by my own act. And yet thou hast continued to me life and time of repentance, and didst not cut me off in the beginning of my days and the progress of my sins. O merciful Father, pardon the errors and ignorances, the vices and vanities, of my childhood and youth. Look not upon me as I am in myself, but, through Jesus Christ, behold thy servant. Clothe me with the robes of his

righteousness, wash me in his blood, conform me to his image, fill me with his Spirit. And now that, by thy help, I still persist in the purpose of leading a righteous and godly life, enable me also effectually to perform it, that each year which passes over me may bring me nearer to thyself, and that after a holy and blessed death, I may be brought unto a glorious eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER BY A YOUNG WOMAN BEFORE MARRIAGE.

O GLORIOUS God, my most indulgent and gracious Father, who dost bless us by thy bounty, pardon us by thy mercy, support and guide us by thy grace, and govern us wisely by thy providence; I give thee most humble and hearty thanks, that thou hast hitherto preserved me in my virgin state with innocence and chastity, with an unspotted name and a good report. It is through thy mercy alone and the inspiration of thy Spirit, that I have been preserved; and to thee I return all thanks and praise, all adoration and love, for thine infinite goodness.

And now, O Lord, since by the dispensation of thy overruling providence I am to change my condition and enter into the holy state of marriage, which thou hast sanctified by thy institution, blessed by thy word and promises,

and raised up to an excellent mystery that it might represent the union of Christ and his Church; grant that in entering and passing through this state, it may not be to me a state of temptation or sorrow, by occasion of my sins or infirmities, but of holiness and comfort, as thou hast intended it to all that love and fear thy holy name.

Lord, guide, sanctify, and preserve the person whom I have chosen to be my husband: let his life be long and blessed, holy and comfortable; and let me also become a blessing and comfort unto him, a sharer in all his joys, a refreshment in all his sorrows, a meet helper for him in all the changes and chances of this mortal life. Make me for ever amiable and engaging in his eyes. Join his heart to me in the union of love and holiness, and mine to him in all sweetness, charity, and compliance. Keep from me all moroseness and ungentleness, all sullenness and harshness, all vanity and pride, all fretfulness and discontent; and make me humble and obedient, charitable and loving, gentle and patient, that we may delight in each other according to thy blessed word and ordinance, and both of us may rejoice in thee, having our portion in thy love and service for ever and ever.

O blessed Father, suffer not any vexations

and cares, any mistakes or accidents, to cause any unkindness between us; but let us so dearly love, so affectionately observe, so religiously attend to each other's good and content, that we may become mutual helps in the way of godliness. And grant, that after having enjoyed in this world the comforts and blessings of a married life, and the endearments of a holy and uniform affection, we may dwell for ever together in the world to come, and celebrate the marriage supper of the Lamb to eternal ages in thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BY A WOMAN AFTER MARRIAGE.

O ETERNAL God, who hast been my guide and my defence all my days, who didst take me from my mother's womb, and conduct me through the various changes and chances of life with wisdom and goodness; I bless and praise thy holy name for all the merciful dispensations of thy providence. Thou hast graciously preserved me from the effects of thy wrath and my own infirmities. Thou hast defended me from evil and led me into all good, by the grace and guidance of thy holy Spirit. Thou hast ever hearkened unto my cry, being always more ready to hear than we to pray. Thou hast said unto me, I will never leave thee

nor forsake thee: be graciously pleased, therefore, to hear the prayer of thy handmaid, that I may be enabled by thy providence and grace to do my duty in all the relations of life and changes of the world, until my great change come.

Give unto thy servant, my husband, a long life and a confirmed health; encircle him with blessings, adorn him with thy grace, refresh him with a perpetual succession of comforts, let the light of thy countenance be upon him in all the circumstances and actions of his life; and grant that he may still more and more increase in the love and fear of thy holy name, that looking with a comparative indifference upon the things of this world, and hungering and thirsting after righteousness, he may have his portion in the gathering together of thy saints in the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless me also, O heavenly Father, and grant that I may in all things do my duty to thee, my God. Give me a perfect command over all my passions and affections, that they being subject to my will, and my will being guided by reason and religion, I may never fall into any violent transports, but may pass through the several circumstances of life with evenness of temper and soberness of mind, with meekness and charity, prudence and discretion. O

give thy servant a right judgment in all things, that I may not be perplexed at trifles, nor discomposed by unexpected accidents; that I may not be inflamed with an eager and passionate desire for the things of this world, nor discontented under its losses and trials. But grant that I may do my duty with a calm and quiet spirit, and approve myself to thee in a sincere and hearty obedience, in piety and devotion, in patience and humility, in chastity and purity, and in holiness and righteousness all my days. And do thou give me thy blessed Spirit to teach me and guide me in thy ways; and grant that I may overcome all my temptations, bear with the infirmities of others, charitably pardon their errors, fairly interpret their actions, and indulgently judge of their motives; that I may receive pardon of thee for all my sins, pity for all my infirmities, thy blessing upon all my actions, and a sanctification of all my intentions; and that when the work of my life is done, I may have thy peace and the testimony of a good conscience, and finally may be gathered unto my fathers in the hope of a blessed resurrection and of a portion in the inheritance of thy saints in light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER BY THE MOTHER BEFORE CHILD-BIRTH.

O Almighty God, Father of men and angels, in whose hands are the keys of life and death; look down in great mercy and gentlest compassion upon thy unworthy servant. Thou hast fixed the sharpest decree of sorrow and pain upon the weakest of mankind; but thou so lovest to magnify thy mercies and thy power, as that thy strength may be seen in our weakness. So let it be, O God, unto thy handmaid; let thy loving-kindness be my confidence and my rest, my hope and my security, both now and in the hour of my travail.

Lord, let thy holy angels be present with thy servant in their charitable ministeries about my person. It is a great thing that I ask, but I beg it of the King of heaven and earth, who hath promised that his angels shall stand around them that fear the Lord. Look, O Lord, upon my fear and sanctify it, that it may lead me to carefulness in my duty and obedience to thy commandments. Increase my love of thee, and make it to be pure and perfect, that I may abound in every good work, and be holy and unreprovable in thy sight. Give me grace to rely with unshaken confidence upon thy glorious promises. Thou hast commanded us to call upon thee in our trouble, and hast promised to deliver us. O leave me not, nor forsake me,

for there is none that can help or deliver, but only thou, O God. In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be confounded. Give me patience and resignation, a perfect abandonment of my own will, and a conformity to thine; that I may be prepared to endure evil at thy hand with fortitude, or to receive good with thankfulness. But yet, O Lord my God, give thy servant leave to pray unto thee, that thou wilt not cut me off in the midst of my days, nor forsake me when my strength faileth. Spare me, O God, that I may live to serve thee, to redeem my time misspent in folly, to gain victory over my temptations, and perfect dominion over my passions. O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence and be no more seen; so shall thy servant rejoice in thy mercies, and speak of thy loving-kindness in the Church of thy redeemed. And grant that those impressions of fear and love, of hope and desire, which thy grace makes upon me in the circumstances of my present condition, may abide in my soul for ever, and in the days of ease and safety may be as productive of holiness, as they now are of hearty prayers and passionate desires for thy mercies upon me in a safe and blessed childbirth.

Lord, be gracious unto my child, and grant

that it may be born with a perfect body and a sound mind, and let thy Spirit of grace bless and sanctify it in baptism, and conduct it in safety and holiness from the cradle to the grave. Hear me, O gracious God, for his sake who suffered the infirmities of our nature, and died for our sins, and rose again for our justification, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVINGS AFTER RECOVERY FROM CHILD-BIRTH.

As it hath pleased Thee, O Almighty God, who hast commanded us when we are afflicted to pray and hast promised to be with us in trouble, to make good thy truth and mercy unto me in standing at my right hand in the day of my sorrow and danger, giving me a safe deliverance and a living and hopeful child; I therefore return to Thee, O God, the sacrifice of a joyful and thankful heart, in an humble acknowledgment of thy divine mercies and goodness unto me in this great blessing and happy deliverance from the pain and peril of child-birth. O gracious Lord, who healest every sickness and every disease, and who art always present to the prayers of them who in the day of trouble call upon thy holy name, continue and renew thy loving-kindness unto me. Keep me from all violent accidents and intolerable pains, from colds and fevers, and

defend me by the guardianship of the angels of light from all the assaults of the powers of darkness. Give me refreshing rest and sleep, a meek and quiet spirit, unshaken confidence in thy goodness and power, a daily sense of thy mercies, a speedy restoration of health and strength, and a thankful heart, that I may praise Thee in the congregation of saints, and serve thee with an increasing zeal and a persevering duty all the days of my life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST merciful Saviour, who didst take our nature upon thee, and wert born of a pure virgin; who hast felt the calamities of mankind, and knowest how to pity our infirmities, and rejoicest in doing and showing mercy to all that need and to all that call unto Thee for succour; I give Thee thanks and praise that thou hast heard my prayers, and considered my cries, and relieved my necessities, and kept my life from the grave, still continuing to me a portion in the land of the living, and an opportunity of serving Thee and doing good in my generation. O continue and increase, and sanctify thy mercies to me. Pardon all my sins, pity my infirmities, assist me in my duty, keep me from all evil by thy watchful providence, and lead me into all good by thy hea-

venly grace; that walking humbly and devoutly before Thee, piously and dutifully to my relatives and friends, doing justice and giving a good example to those with whom I shall converse, I may find the rewards of holiness and the eternal mercies of God in the day of thy glorious appearing, O blessed Jesus, our Advocate and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A PRAYER BY THE PARENTS BEFORE THE CHILD IS BAPTIZED.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast redeemed us from sin and shame, from the sting of death and the gates of hell, and from ignorance and darkness by thy dear Son, who is that light which lighteneth every man that cometh into the world; we praise and glorify Thee for having called us to the knowledge of thy will, to the love of thy name, and the service of thy Majesty which is perfect freedom.

As thou hast dealt graciously with us, so deal with this infant whom we shall bring and offer to our blessed Saviour, that he should receive *him* and bless *him* with the blessings of an everlasting love. O most gracious Lord, *he* is thine by creation: make *him* thine also by adoption. Let *him* be admitted into Christ's kingdom, enter into his warfare, believe in his doctiine, and hope for his promises; that

this child may have *his* understanding for ever brought unto the obedience, *his* affections to the love, and all *his* faculties to the service of Christ, and that after *he* hath served Thee in his generation *he* may receive his part and portion in thy glory, through the same thy Son, our gracious Advocate and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A MOTHER'S PRAYER BEFORE THE CHILD IS BAPTIZED.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast given the promise of thy Spirit to us and to our children, even to as many as Thou shalt call, give thy holy Spirit to my infant, that the wicked one may not approach *him*, to hurt the body, nor deceive the understanding, nor corrupt the will, nor pollute the affections of my child; but that thy Spirit, who, like the wind which bloweth where it listeth, and no man knows whence it cometh nor whither it goeth, may by his secret influences renew and transform *him* into the image of thy Son; that the kingdom of God which is within and cometh not with observation, may be early established in this infant; that thy grace may rule and govern *his* conduct, prevent the folly of *his* childhood from growing up to sin in *his* youth, and work in *him* effectually when *his* weakness, *his* ignorances, and temptations are most liable to lead *him* astray; and that *he* may be guided by the

Spirit in the paths of thy commandments from *his* cradle to *his* grave. Admit *him*, O God, into the bosom of the Church, into the arms of thy mercy, into a right of the promises, into the communion of saints, and grant that being buried with Christ in baptism *he* may also rise with him to righteousness here, and glory hereafter in thy heavenly kingdom, through the same our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A THANKSGIVING AFTER THE CHILD IS BAPTIZED.

We give Thee thanks and praise, O heavenly Father, that it hath pleased Thee to call our child to thy holy baptism, to sanctify *him* with thy Spirit, to admit *him* into thy Church, to adopt *him* for thine own child, and to make *him* a partaker of the promises in Christ Jesus our Lord. And we humbly beseech Thee, to vouchsafe *him* thy grace to accompany *him* all the days of *his* life, that *he* may hold fast the profession of *his* faith, and make *his* calling and election sure. Grant that *his* body being washed in pure water, and *his* heart sprinkled from an evil conscience, *he* may follow Thee in the regeneration, and that after the end of this life, *he* may for ever be with them who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, through the same

Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A PRAYER AFTER THE CHILD IS BAPTIZED.

O MOST holy and gracious Saviour, who lovest thy Church, and hast given thyself for it, that thou mightest sanctify and cleanse it, and present it pure and without spot before God; do thou with thy holy Spirit enlighten, and with thy word instruct the understanding of our child, that *he* may learn thy will and obey thy laws, and live by faith and not by sight.

O God, be thou *his* Father for ever, Christ *his* elder brother and his Lord, the Church *his* mother; let the body of Christ be *his* food, the blood of Christ *his* drink, and the Spirit the earnest of *his* inheritance. Let faith be *his* learning, religion *his* employment, heaven the object of *his* hopes and the end of *his* labours; let *him* be thy servant in the kingdom of grace, and thy adopted child in the kingdom of glory. And since, blessed Lord, thou hast made thy angels ministering spirits to them who shall be heirs of salvation, of thy mercy and goodness send them forth, we beseech thee, to be the guardians of our child. Defend *him* from all dangers of body and soul, and make *him* wise, useful, and holy, beloved of men and

beloved of thee, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A MOTHER'S PRAYER FOR HER CHILDREN.

O MOST gracious and eternal God, who hast promised to be a Father to a thousand generations of them that love and fear thee, be thou a God and a Father to me, and the children which thou hast given me. Enable me to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, to the praise and honour of thy holy name. O give me thy grace and favour, that I may instruct them with prudence and firmness, and lead them, both by precept and example, into the ways of righteousness and truth; never provoking them to wrath by the harshness of my rebukes, nor through weakness indulging them in their follies. And that all my children may be thine, O preserve them in thy favour or take them away from hence whilst they are innocent. But if it be thy good pleasure to let them live to a full age, secure to them, I beseech Thee, a full measure of piety and holiness. To this end give them grace to obey their parents, that doing the duty they may receive the promise. Preserve them from sin and shame, from youthful follies and youthful crimes. Sanctify them wholly in their bodies, souls, and spirits, that their thoughts

may be pure and spotless, and acceptable in thy sight. Let their words be discreet and prudent, sincere and holy, that they may minister grace unto the hearers. Let all their actions be such as become the servants of Christ, that pleasing Thee and doing good to others, they may increase in the love of Thee, their God, and in favour with men; and may have the portion of the meek and humble in this world, and of the pure and merciful in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER, TO BE USED BY MARRIED PERSONS, FOR DOMESTIC LOVE AND UNION, AND THE PROPER NURTURE OF CHILDREN.

O God, who hast consecrated the estate of matrimony to such an excellent mystery, that in it is signified and represented the spiritual marriage and unity between Christ and his Church; grant that we may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws. Make us kind in our dispositions towards each other, charitable and indulgent in our thoughts, gentle and forbearing in our conversation, faithful and unspotted in our conduct. And as this holy estate was ordained for our mutual society, help and comfort, both in prosperity and adversity, keep us

in tender communion and fellowship, and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. We beseech Thee also to assist us with thy blessing, that we may bring up our children in thy nurture and fear. Let not our wholesome instructions lose their effect from our own negligence and sinfulness, from the violence of our passions, and the harshness of our rebukes, but enable us to set before them an example of all virtuous and godly living, to the praise and honour of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR A PERSON GOING TO SEA.

O ETERNAL God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea, I commend myself to thy almighty protection on the great deep. Guard, me I beseech thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which I may be exposed. Conduct me in safety to the haven where I would be, with a grateful sense of thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ANOTHER FOR A PERSON EITHER BEFORE A JOURNEY OR GOING TO SEA.

O ALMIGHTY God, who fillest all things

with thy presence and art a God afar off as well as near at hand, who didst send thy Angel to bless Jacob in his journey, and didst lead the children of Israel through the Red Sea, making it a wall on the right hand and on the left; let thy presence I beseech thee go with me in my journey, (voyage) and be thou my guide and my guard, my light and defence. Preserve me from thieves and robbers, (pirates) from the violence of enemies, from quarrels and bloodshed with companions and friends, from evil accidents and from sudden death. Prosper my journey (voyage) to thy glory and all my innocent and lawful purposes. Protect and deliver me from the assaults of temptation and the snares of sin, that I may return to my home in peace and holiness with thy favour and blessing; and grant that I may serve thee in thankfulness and obedience all the days of my pilgrimage on earth, and bring me at last to that better country, the heavenly Jerusalem, where I may dwell with thee in perpetual rest and felicity, through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A THANKSGIVING FOR A SAFE RETURN FROM SEA.

Most gracious Lord, whose mercy is over all thy works, and who hast been pleased to conduct in safety thy unworthy servant through

the perils of the great deep; accept I beseech thee, for this manifestation of thy love, the unfeigned offering of my gratitude and praise. May I be duly sensible of thy merciful providence towards me, and ever express my thankfulness by a holy trust in thee, and obedience to thy laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AFTER A JOURNEY OR VOYAGE.

Almighty God, who savest my life from destruction and crownest me with mercy and loving kindness, blessed be thy holy name that thou hast brought me in safety to the end of my journey, (voyage) and preserved me from the innumerable accidents and dangers to which I was exposed. It is of thy mercy that I have been kept in life and health, notwithstanding the pestilence that walketh in darkness and the arrow that flieth by noonday. It is of thy watchful providence that I have been defended from the assaults and violence of wicked men, and of thy free and unmerited grace that I have been delivered from the snares and temptations of the devil and the flesh. Lord enable me to rejoice and triumph in thy praise, and not only to express my thanks with my lips but to show forth my grateful sense of thy mercies in my life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

FOR THE

SICK AND AFFLICTED.

A GENERAL PRAYER FOR THE SICK.

O Almighty God and merciful Father, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humble ourselves before Thee with the deepest reverence, acknowledging that even in thy severest dispensations thou hast kind intentions and gracious designs towards us. Visit and behold this thy servant, upon whom thou hast laid thine afflicting hand. Sanctify, we beseech Thee, thy fatherly correction to him, and grant that he may receive it with meekness, and bear it with patience. Suffer him not, O Lord, to murmur and repine either at the length or severity of his trials, but let all thy visitations be so blessed to him by the aid and comfort of thy Holy Spirit, as to be the means of weaning him from the world, of bringing him nearer to thyself, and of purifying his soul from all the dross and defilement which it may have contracted in this sinful life. We know, O Father, that thou dost not willingly afflict and

grieve the children of men, and that thou of thy goodness hast caused thy servant to be troubled. O grant him such a measure of grace, as may enable him cheerfully to submit his will to thine. And if, in the days of health and happiness, he hath at any time forgotten Thee and turned aside unto vanity and folly; O merciful Father, let not his past faults provoke Thee to turn away thy face from him, now that he flies unto Thee in the time of his trouble. Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure, but for the merits and intercession of thy dear Son, pardon all his sins and restore him to thy love and favour. O Lord, support him under all his pains and infirmities. Strengthen his faith, enliven his hopes, increase his charity, and perfect his repentance. Make thou his bed in his sickness, and lay not more upon him than thou wilt enable him to bear. Give thy blessing to the means which may be used for his recovery, that if it shall be thy good pleasure to restore him to his former health, he may lead the residue of his life in thy fear and to thy glory. But if thou hast otherwise determined, grant that the more the outward man decayeth, so much the more the inner man may be strengthened and renewed by thy Holy Spirit; and give him grace so to take thy visitation, that after this painful life ended, he may

dwell with Thee in life everlasting, through the merits and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PENITENTIAL PRAYER.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon thy servant the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving him those things whereof his conscience is afraid, and giving him those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

Impute not unto him, O Lord, the follies of his youth, nor any of the errors and miscarriages of his life. Lay not to his charge what in the lust of the flesh, or in the lust of the eyes, or in the pride of life he hath committed against Thee. Lay not to his charge what in the suddenness of his wrath, or in vain and idle words he hath committed against Thee. Remember not his offences, but spare him, good Lord; spare thy servant whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with him for ever. Deliver him from the guilt and burden of his sins, from the sting and terrors of conscience, from impatience, distrust, or despair. O Lord God, may it please Thee

to remember him with the favour thou bearest unto thy people, and to visit him with thy salvation. Make him a partaker of all thy mercies and promises in Christ Jesus, and refresh him with the peace and consolations of thy Holy Spirit. Bless, O Lord, the means which may be used for his recovery, and deliver him in thy good appointed time from his bodily pain, that if it shall be thy pleasure to prolong his days here upon earth, he may live to Thee and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully and doing good in his generation; or if in thine infinite wisdom thou shouldest otherwise order it, support him in patience and submission to thy will, send him seasonable relief in his sufferings, visit him with comforts from above, and finally receive him into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Father, for thy mercies sake, in the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FOR ONE WHO IS WEAK IN FAITH.

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; we fly unto Thee for succour in behalf of this thy afflict-

ed servant, and humbly beg that thy mercy may descend upon his body and his soul. We come unto thee in the name and merits of our Saviour, praying thee to pardon the sins of thy servant, to wash them away in the blood of thy Son, and to bury them in the grave of Him that died for us, that they may never rise up in judgment against him, nor bring him in the day of trial to shame and confusion of face.

Give thy servant, O Lord, patience under his sorrows, and comfort in his long and wearisome sickness. Thou knowest all his necessities and infirmities, the weakness of his faith, the errors of his understanding, and his great need of a livelier hope, a firmer trust, and a fuller assurance of the truths and promises of thy holy Gospel. O strengthen his faith, enliven his hope, dispel from his mind all gloominess and doubts, refresh him with the light and comfort of thy holy Spirit, and fill him with joy and peace in believing. Lift up his spirit above his frail and perishing body. Give him, if it be thy blessed will, a glimpse and foretaste of those things which thou hast prepared for them that love thee. And grant, that his sins being pardoned and the sting of death plucked out, he may be ready for his departure whenever thou shalt be pleased to call him hence; that he may look at the grave as the gate of immor-

tality, and the introduction to that holy, happy, and unchangeable state, where in thy presence there is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore. All which we ask, for the sake of our Advocate and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

FOR ONE WHO IS TROUBLED WITH DIFFICULTIES AND DOUBTS.

O BLESSED Lord, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, we beseech thee to look down in pity and compassion upon this thy afflicted servant. In the multitude of the sorrows that he hath in his heart, let thy comforts refresh his soul. Settle and calm the discomposure of his thoughts. Speak peace to his troubled mind. Fill him with confidence and joy in the sense of thy pardon and love. And as thou hast given thy holy word for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope; shed upon him the bright beams of thy heavenly light, that he may clearly see the wonders of thy law and the riches of thy grace; that he may realize the truths and promises of thy Gospel, and all darkness and doubt be chased away. Let this tral of him, O Lord, which has already had the gracious effect of making him more sensible of his guilt and anxious for thy favour,

be still more sanctified and blessed to him; till at length rising to higher degrees of faith and holiness, he may, through the blood of thy Son, be cleansed from all his sins, and presented pure and without spot before thee. And now that all other enjoyments fail him, represent thyself more effectually to him, as the only ground of his hope and rock of his salvation. Revive and support him with the consolations of thy Spirit. Fix his mind stedfastly on our great Redeemer, who has led the way through the grave to heaven, that he may not be terrified at the approach of death, but looking beyond it to that high and holy place whither our Lord has gone before us, he may rejoice in the hope of eternal glory. Let this blessed prospect make him patient and resigned in his present sufferings, sustain him in his agony, and carry him safely through the last distress. Let not his faith waver, nor his hope fail; but grant that whenever thou art pleased to take him hence, he may die in peace and rise in glory. All which we ask, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Advocate and Redeemer. *Amen.*

FOR ONE WHO IS DANGEROUSLY ILL.

O Lord our God, we come unto thee in behalf of this thy servant, here lying in great

weakness of body under thy chastening hand. Look down upon him, we beseech thee, in pity. We know, O Lord, that if thou wilt thou canst even yet raise him up, and heal all his infirmities. In submission to thy will, we beg this mercy at thy hands. Spare him, good Lord, and restore him to health. Comfort our hearts, by granting him a longer continuance among us. But however thou shalt be pleased to deal with him, yet, Lord, let his soul be ever precious in thy sight. Give him repentance towards thee, and a lively and triumphant faith in Jesus Christ. Wash his soul with the blood of thy Son, and adorn it with the graces of thy Spirit, that it may be cleansed from all its defilements, and in the great day be presented pure and without spot before thee. Fit him for whatever in thy wise providence thou hast appointed, that it may be unto him Christ to live, and gain to die, and that in all things he may find cause to glorify thy name. If thou shouldest be graciously pleased to raise him from his bed of languishing, grant that he may lead the residue of his life in thy fear and to thy glory. Or if thou hast otherwise determined, prepare him for the hour of his departure. Support him in his last agonies. Defend him from the danger of his enemies. And finish all that is wanting in the work of his salvation.

Make his last end easy and peaceful, and his hope full of immortality. And finally receive him into the arms of thy unspeakable mercy, and into the glorious estate of thy chosen saints in heaven. All which we ask, in the name and through the mediation of our Advocate and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

FOR A SICK CHILD.

Almighty God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from Heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy, upon this sick child. Deliver him, O Lord, in thy good appointed time, from his bodily pain, and visit him with thy salvation; that if it should be thy good pleasure to prolong his days here on earth, he may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in his generation: or else receive him into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies' sake, in the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FOR A YOUNG PERSON WHO IS SICK.

O Almighty God, the Lord of life and death, of sickness and health, regard our supplications, we humbly beseech thee, for this thy servant. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit him with trouble, and to bring distress upon him. Deliver him in thy good appointed time from his bodily pain, and save his soul for thy mercies' sake.

Acknowledge, O Lord, we beseech thee, this lamb of thy flock; remember him with the favour thou bearest unto thy chosen; hear the voice of his complaint, grant him patience in his sufferings and support under the terrors which encompass him. Thou knowest whereof he is made, and rememberest that he is but dust. Look graciously, then, upon his infirmities, relieve him from his fears, and give him comfort and sure confidence in thee. And when his flesh and his heart faileth, O be thou the strength of his heart and his portion for ever. Sanctify this thy Fatherly correction to him. Set before his eyes the things he hath done in the body, which have justly provoked thee to anger. Awaken in him unfeigned repentance for all the errors of his life past. Humble him in the remembrance of his offences and follies. But, O thou, who breakest not the bruised reed, nor quenchest the smoking

flax, consider his contrition, accept his tears, and give him stedfast faith in thy Son Jesus; that his sins may be done away by thy mercy and his pardon sealed in heaven, before he go hence and be no more seen.

But if it should be thy good pleasure to prolong his days here on earth, grant that he may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully and doing good in his generation. Grant that all sinful affections may die in him. Endue him with heavenly virtues. Replenish him with the truth of thy doctrine, adorn him with innocency of life, and daily increase in him thy manifold gifts of grace. Let thy Fatherly hand ever be over him. Let thy holy Spirit ever be with him. And so lead him in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end he may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee, and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVINGS FOR THE BEGINNING OF A RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

Great and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again; we bless thy wonderful goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy, and our mourning into glad-

ness, by restoring this our brother to some degree of his former health. Blessed be thy name, that thou didst not forsake him in his sickness; but didst visit him with comforts from above; didst support him in patience and submission to thy will; and, at last, didst send him seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech thee, this thy mercy towards him; and prosper the means which shall be made use of for his cure; that being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, he may be able to go to thine house, to offer thee an oblation with great gladness; and to bless thy holy name for all thy goodness towards him, through Jesus Christ our Saviour: To whom with thee and the holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise, honour and adoration, love and duty to thee, O Lord, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who hast known our soul in adversity, and delivered us from the evils which we most justly have deserved. We confess, O God, that we are less than the least of all thy mercies; but thy unbounded love rejoices in doing us good, and in preserving us from evil. Thou art gracious even

when thou smitest us; but we cannot express thy loving-kindness to us, when thou sustainest us in our sorrows, when thou hearest our prayers, when thou relievest our necessities, when thou deliverest us from thy wrath, and snatchest us from the power of the grave. O give unto thy servant a thankful heart, an obedient mind, carefulness in his duty, zeal for thy glory, submission to thy divine will and pleasure; that serving thee with all his powers, loving thee with all his heart and strength, obeying thee in all thy commandments, and delighting in thee in all thy dispensations, he may be conducted in safety through the various changes of thy providence, defended in the temptations of his enemies, relieved in all his necessities, assisted in all his duties; that so he may pass through this valley of tears in peace and quietness, in faith and charity, in the confidence of a holy hope, and in the strength of thy righteous promises, to the fruition of those mercies which are the portion of obedience, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVINGS FOR A RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

O God, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety; we bless thy name, that thou hast been pleased to deliver from his bodily sickness this thy servant, who now desireth

to return thanks unto thee. Gracious art thou O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May his heart be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness, and may he devote the residue of his days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thou, O Lord, didst revoke the sentence which appeared to have gone out against him. Unto thee may he ascribe the honour and praise. May he be glad and rejoice in thy mercy, for thou hast considered his trouble and hast known his soul in adversity. As thou hast spread thy hand upon him for a covering, so also enlarge his heart with thankfulness and fill his mouth with praise. And let thy favour and loving-kindness endure for ever and ever upon thy servant, and grant that what thou hast sown in mercy may spring up in duty. O let thy grace so strengthen his purposes, that he may sin no more. Let him walk in the light of thy countenance and in the way of thy commandments, that living here to the glory of thy name, he may at last enter into the glory of thy kingdom and spend eternity in thy praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR A PERSON IN A STATE OF DESPONDENCY.

Almighty God, the aid of all who need,

and the helper of those who fly unto thee for succour; accept, we beseech thee, the prayers which we now make for this thy servant, labouring under the gloomy apprehension of thy displeasure. Enter not into judgment with him, for if thou wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it? Make him sensible, that though the wages of sin are death, yet thou hatest nothing that thou hast made, and desirest not the death of a sinner; that thou always punishest less than we deserve, and in thy wrath rememberest mercy. Grant that he may not dishonour thy name by doubting thy goodness, and by perverting the precepts and promises of thy gospel. Graciously convince him of his error, and the sinfulness of excluding himself from all hope of pardon for his offences, when thou hast declared that those who come unto thee thou wilt in no wise cast out, and that the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin. Preserve him, O Lord. from the neglect of the means of grace, as if they were no further useful, and keep him in the observance of every duty enjoined. And though he find no present comfort in the ways of thy laws and the works of thy commandments, yet grant him perseverance, in hope that at last he shall receive the advantage of them. Let thy grace be sufficient for him in

all his trials and distress, and bring him, we humbly beseech thee, from this desponding condition, to rejoice in the better knowledge and practice of his duty. Deliver him, O Lord, from thy wrath and from the fear of it, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who made a full, perfect, and sufficient satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. *Amen.*

FOR A PERSON UNDER AFFLICTION.

O MERCIFUL God, and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in thy holy Word, that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; look with pity, we beseech thee, upon the sorrows of thy servant. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit him with trouble, and to bring distress upon him. Remember him, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to him; endue his soul with patience under his affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort him with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon him, and give him peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER TO BE USED WITH THE RELATIVES AND FRIENDS, AFTER THE SOUL IS DEPARTED.

ALMIGHTY God, who governest all things in heaven and earth with infinite wisdom and infinite mercy, who bringest good out of evil

and comfort out of sorrow, and after the saddest visitations dost refresh thy children with the light of thy countenance, with the blessings of thy providence, with the succours of thy grace, and the consolations of thy Spirit; have mercy upon this family, and return to us all with thy loving-kindness, changing our grief and anguish into holiness and joy. Be thou a Father to the fatherless, a husband to the widow, and a God of comfort to them that mourn. Grant that thy servants may not sorrow as men without hope, nor murmur at thy dispensation; that they may not complain of any thing but themselves, nor desire any thing but that thy will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Grant that when Thou smitest us it may increase thy fear in us, and that when thou doest good to us in smiting, or forbearing, in chastising, or comforting, it may increase thy love in us. And let thy Holy Spirit so govern our wills and understandings, our affections and passions, our desires and hopes, that we may live acceptably to thee in this world, and depart from it in thy peace and favour; looking forward to a joyful resurrection in the last day, and to the never-ending bliss and glory of thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

UPON THE DEATH OF AN ACQUAINTANCE OR FRIEND.

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and let thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives: that when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world; all which we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

UPON THE DEATH OF A FRIEND EMINENT FOR PIETY.

Blessed Lord, in whose sight the death of thy saints is precious, we magnify thy name for thine abundant goodness bestowed upon our departed friend, by which he was enabled so cheerfully to follow the steps of his blessed Master in his meekness and patience, his gentleness and submission, his courage and constancy, and great charity. We give thee hearty thanks for the good example of this thy servant, who, having finished his course in faith,

doth now rest from his labours. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR A FAMILY IN AFFLICTION UPON THE DEATH OF A CHILD.

O ETERNAL and merciful God, the just and righteous Governor of the world, who orderest all things both in heaven and earth, teach us to submit to thy will and adore thy wisdom in all the dispensations of thy providence. Let thy promises and threatenings, thy mercies and judgments, alike dispose us to holiness and obedience; that in the time of prosperity we may rejoice in thy goodness, and in the time of adversity consider the end of our afflictions. When thou smitest, sanctify unto us thy rod; and when thou pressest heavily upon us, support us with thy staff. Lord, open our understanding, that we may know the meaning of thy voice when thou speakest from heaven in warnings and judgments. Let a holy fear so soften our spirits, and a devout love so sanctify our hearts, that apprehending the slightest intimation of thy pleasure, we may with repentance go out to meet thee, trusting in the gracious

promise that thine anger will endure but for a moment, and thy mercy and loving-kindness for ever. In the daily instances of mortality around us, may we see how frail and uncertain our own condition is. Behold, O Lord, thou hast made our days as it were a span long, and our age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity. Thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth fretting a garment, or thou bringest him down suddenly to the grave in the fulness of his strength. For all flesh is as grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but thy word, O God, shall stand for ever. Teach us, then, O Lord, so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, we more especially beseech thee to look down with pity upon the sadness and sorrows of these thy servants. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit them with trouble, to take from them the pride of their eyes and the joy of their hearts. O Lord, suffer them not to sorrow as those who are without hope. Enable them to raise their thoughts above this troublesome world from which their child has departed, to the rest and bliss of which we humbly

hope, it is now a partaker in the kingdom of heaven. And in the keen sense of their bereavement, and the gradual dissolution of the ties which bind them to life, let their hearts be more stedfastly fixed on that place where true joys are alone to be found, and where sorrow and sighing are done away. Give them grace to look with a holy indifference upon the pleasures and pursuits, the interests and possessions of this world, and with a meek and submissive spirit upon its crosses and trials.

And let it be the most anxious care of us all, O Lord, to serve and please thee, and our greatest fear lest we should sin against thee, and fail of thy favour. Let our duty be our employment; let thy law be our rule, thy providence our portion, thy Spirit our helper and guide; that when the cloud of affliction is passed over we may see the brightness of thy face, and perpetual showers of grace and mercy refreshing our sad and weary spirits; so when thou shalt have saved our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling, we will sing eternal praises to the honour of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost ever liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

UPON THE DEATH OF A HUSBAND AND FATHER.

O ETERNAL God and merciful Father, who art the refuge and hope, the guardian and protector of all who put their trust in thee; look graciously upon thy servant whom thou hast smitten and afflicted, and whom thou alone canst heal. Thy hand presseth heavily upon her by reason of her weakness and infirmities. O strengthen her by thy grace. Send her help from above, and in the multitude of her sorrows let thy comforts refresh her soul. Open her eyes that she may see the gracious design of thy visitations. Enable her to bear them with patience and resignation, and so to improve them to her soul's good, as to find that even in judgment there is mercy. May they deeply impress her mind with the uncertainty of our best earthly enjoyments, and make her more earnest and engaged in the pursuit of those which are durable and eternal.

O Thou, who art the defender of the widows, sustain thy servant in her sorrows, and help her in her duties. Let her sad state of widowhood be a state of repentance and holiness, of unfeigned piety and fervent devotion. Let her recall the negligences and offences of her past years in sorrow of soul. Let her afflictions wean her from the world, and let her

hope and her joy, her desires and her conversation be in heaven.

O Thou, who art the Father of the fatherless, look graciously upon the children of this bereaved family. Spare them to be the comfort and solace of their mother, and fit and dispose her to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Be thou their God and their Father, and let thy Providence be their protection, thy service their employment, thy angels their guards; and so keep them by thy preventing and restraining grace, that they may never fall into sin, but serve thee faithfully here in their generation, and finally be made partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Great God of mercy, heal all the breaches of this family, preserve and increase its remaining comforts, and send down upon it the continual dew of thy blessing. Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of our Advocate and Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PRAYERS UPON THE DEATH OF ANY RELATIVE OR FRIEND.

O Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, grant to us thy servants, that we may die unto sin and live unto righteousness; that when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be ga-

thered unto our fathers in peace, leaving a good name and a wholesome example behind us; that being holy in our lives, we may be blessed in our death; and that with all those who have departed in thy faith and fear, we may be received into paradise, and rest in joyful hope of our perfect consummation and bliss in thy eternal and glorious kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST blessed Saviour, who art the resurrection and the life, look graciously upon us thy servants, whose days pass away like a tale that is told, and as the remembrance of a guest that tarrieth but a night. O suffer us not to walk in a vain show, nor to disquiet ourselves in vain; but let thy Holy Spirit lead us into the ways of righteousness and peace. Grant that our affections being weaned from this world, we may die daily, and that laying up a treasure of good works we may not dread the hour of our death, but be always ready for our departure; and let our portion be with the charitable and merciful on the right hand of the Father, where thou sittest and reignest in the glory of God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, we

adore thy Majesty, and humbly submit to thy will in all the dispensations of thy providence. We magnify thy mercy, that it hath pleased thee to give a happy deliverance to this our brother out of the troubles and miseries of this sinful world. Thy counsels are secret, and thy wisdom is infinite; with the same hand thou hast crowned him and smitten us. Thou hast taken him into regions of felicity, and placed him among the saints and angels, and left us to mourn for our sins and thy displeasure. Lord, turn thy anger into mercy, and thy chastisements into the means of our spiritual improvement. And we humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to unite our supplications with the earnest desires of those holy souls who pray, and wait, and long for thy second coming. Accomplish thou the number of thy elect, and fill up the mansions in heaven which are prepared for all them that love the coming of the Lord Jesus; that we, with all others departed this life in the true faith of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the first-fruits of the resurrection from the dead, and who by entering

into glory hast opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; we humbly beseech thee to raise us from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that being partakers of the death of Christ and followers of his holy life, we may be partakers of his Spirit and his glorious promises; and that when we shall depart this life we may rest in him, as our hope is that this our brother doth. O suffer us not for any temptation of the world, or any snares of the devil, or any pains of death to fall from thee. Lord, let thy Holy Spirit enable us with his grace to fight a good fight with perseverance, to finish our course with holiness, and to keep the faith with constancy unto the end; that at the day of judgment we may stand at the right hand of the throne of God, and hear the joyful sentence: Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

ON THE

FESTIVALS AND FASTS OF THE CHURCH.

SAINT ANDREW'S DAY.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who for the greater confirmation of the faith, didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection; grant us so perfectly and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight may never be reproved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, OR THE BIRTH-DAY OF CHRIST, COMMONLY CALLED CHRISTMAS-DAY.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY.

GRANT, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth, for the testimony of thy truth, we may stedfastly look up to Heaven, and, by faith, behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors, by the example of thy first martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God, to succour all those who suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY.

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being instructed by the doctrine of thy bless-

ed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE INNOCENTS' DAY.

O ALMIGHTY God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorfy thee by their deaths; mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may glorify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST.

ALMIGHTY God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit, that our hearts and all our members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPIPHANY, OR MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST TO THE GENTILES.

O GOD, who by the leading of a Star didst manifest thy only begotten Son to the Gentiles; mercifully grant that we, who know thee now

by faith, may, after this life, have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL.

O God, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle St Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; grant, we beseech thee, that we having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness nnto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE, COMMONLY CALLED THE PURIFICATION OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN.

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that as thy only begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh; so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ST. MATTHIAS'S DAY.

O Almighty God, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias, to be of the number of the twelve Apostles; grant that thy Church, being

always preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel; so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE FIRST DAY OF LENT, COMMONLY CALLED ASH-WEDNESDAY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful

pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST mighty God and merciful Father, who hast compassion on all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins: spare us, therefore, good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed: enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy people, who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we

deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them; and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great; and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us, through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GOOD-FRIDAY.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics: and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

EASTER-EVEN

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections, we may be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we

may pass to our joyful resurrection, for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EASTER-SUNDAY.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech thee, that as, by thy special grace preventing us, thou dost put into our minds good desires; so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SAINT MARK'S DAY.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark; give us grace, that being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES'S DAY.

O ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life; grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and

the life; that following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE ASCENSION DAY.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

WHITSUNDAY.

O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort, through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

TRINITY SUNDAY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast

given unto us, thy servants, grace by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SAINT BARNABAS THE APOSTLE.

O Lord God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost; leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to thy honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT JOHN BAPTIST'S DAY.

Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching repentance; make us to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT PETER'S DAY.

O ALMIGHTY God, who, by thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock; make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE.

GRANT, O merciful God, that as thine holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word; grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom, to be an Apostle and Evangelist; grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches; and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

O EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; mercifully grant, that as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven; so, by thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST.

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst Luke the physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist and Physician of the soul; may it please thee, that by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE, APOSTLES.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy

Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner stone; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALL SAINTS' DAY.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SELECTIONS

FROM THE

PROPHETIC AND OTHER PARTS OF SCRIPTURE,

WHICH MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE PSALMS IN THE MORNING AND EVENING DEVOTIONS.

FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT.

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a high way for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the Spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he

have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thy hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison-house.

I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

THE Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,

because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called Trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head; they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass;

And forgettest the Lord thy Maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old: but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.

Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

The Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked;

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness;

Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being

on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works;

And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bond-man, and every free-man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains:

And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall

on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

For the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

And those which have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple.

And he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he that is mighty hath done great things; and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him, from generation to generation.

He hath showed strength with his arm; he

hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed, for ever.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people.

And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us, in the house of his servant David:

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began.

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

The oath which he sware to our father, Abraham,

That he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest, for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us.

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people:

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

FOR THE EPIPHANY.

ARISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

Violence shall be no more heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

The sun shall be no more thy light by day: neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself, for the Lord

shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

Thy people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands that I may be glorified.

A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation; I the Lord will hasten it in his time.

FOR GOOD-FRIDAY.

Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and car-

ried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him: he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

He shall see of the travail of his soul,

and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death; and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

FOR EASTER-SUNDAY.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For if we believe that Jesus died and arose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord;

For the Lord Jesus Christ shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption:

It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power:

It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Blessed be the God and Father of our

Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away.

FOR WHITSUNDAY.

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the spirit gave them utterance.

And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel,

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams,

And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved.

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Your sorrow shall be turned into joy, and your joy no man taketh from you.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever,

Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you.

SELECTIONS FROM THE PSALMS,

WHICH MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR OTHERS IN THE MORNING AND EVENING DEVOTIONS, IN TIME OF TROUBLE.

HEAR my crying, O God; give ear unto my prayer.

From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee when my heart is in heaviness.

The Lord will be a defence for the oppressed, even a refuge in due time of trouble.

And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

Comfort the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer, and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; O visit me with thy salvation:

That I may see the felicity of thy chosen,

and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him in thy law.

Before I was troubled, I went wrong: but now have I kept thy word.

It is good for me that I have been in trouble; that I may learn thy statutes.

In my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed; thou, Lord, of thy goodness, hadst made my hill so strong.

Thou didst turn thy face from me, and I was troubled.

Then cried I unto thee, O Lord; and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

If the Lord had not helped me, it had not failed, but my soul had been put to silence.

But when I said, My foot hath slipped; thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my heart, thy comforts have refreshed my soul.

Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy; thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness:

Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing: O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in thee.

O praise our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip.

O love the Lord, all ye his saints; for the Lord preserveth them that are faithful, and plenteously rewardeth the proud doer.

Be strong, and he shall establish your heart, all ye that put your trust in the Lord.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

From the 71st Psalm.

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion; but rid me, and

deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Be thou my strong hold, whereunto I may alway resort; thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence, and my castle.

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man:

For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for: thou art my hope, even from my youth.

Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: my praise shall be always of thee.

O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

Cast me not away in the time of age; forsake me not when my strength faileth me:

Go not far from me, O God; my God, haste thee to help me.

I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God, and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now; therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am grey-headed, until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.

Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, and great things are they that thou hast done; O God, who is like unto thee!

O what great troubles and adversities hast thou showed me! and yet didst thou turn and refresh me; yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.

Thou hast brought me to great honour, and comforted me on every side:

Therefore will I praise thee, and thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of music: unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy one of Israel.

From the 39th Psalm.

Lord, let me know my end, and the number of my days, that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity:

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences, and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

I became dumb, and opened not my mouth; for it was thy doing.

Take thy plague away from me: I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.

When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment; every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears.

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

From the 90th Psalm.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction; again

thou sayest, Come again ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday, seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them, they are even as asleep, and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee, and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

But who regardeth the power of thy wrath; for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

From the 116th Psalm.

I AM well pleased that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;

That he hath inclined his ear unto me; therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The snares of death compassed me round about, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord, for all the benefits that he hath done unto me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the sight of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem: praise the Lord.

SELECTIONS

FROM THE

OTHER PROPHETIC AND POETICAL PARTS OF SCRIPTURE,

WHICH MAY ALSO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE PSALMS IN THE MORNING AND EVENING DEVOTIONS.

TO BE USED IN TIME OF TROUBLE.

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction:

For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous:

Yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

And if they be bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction;

Then he showeth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.

He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

Behold, happy is the man which God correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.

For he maketh sore, and bindeth up; he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

In famine he shall redeem thee from death; and in war from the power of the sword.

Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.

And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.

Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age. like as a shock of corn cometh in, in his season.

I AM the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgat prosperity.

And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the Lord:

Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.

My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

The Lord will not cast off for ever:

But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

For he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath; they cry not when he bindeth them.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.

Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

ON THE DEATH OF PIOUS FRIENDS.

SHALL we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep,

that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

After this I beheld, and lo, a great multi-

tude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders; and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, Amen; Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes; and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst

any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR MORTALITY IN GENERAL.

Man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

His days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth; thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.

As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.

He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister.

And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?

They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.

There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest.

There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master.

If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

For what is your life? It is even a vapour,

that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle that hasteth to the prey.

One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet:

And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.

They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

But the fearful and unbelieving, and the abominable, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the Lord hath spoken.

Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness.

For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest.

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

And they that be wise, shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.

IN TIME OF SICKNESS.

Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of a hireling?

As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as a hireling looketh for the reward of his work:

So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

When I lie down, I say, when shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro until the dawning of the day.

When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint;

Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him:

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation.

No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a

moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

ON RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

I SAID in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years.

I said, I shall not see the Lord, even the Lord, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: he will cut me off with pining sickness: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.

My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me.

And now my soul is poured out upon me: the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.

My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest.

My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart.

But thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

For the grave cannot praise thee, death cannot celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thy holy temple.

They that observe lying vanities, forsake their own mercy.

But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.

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